

Broncos celebrate a much-needed victory



Broncos celebrate their 6-4 victory over the SWZ Ice Kings, keeping their playoff hopes alive.



#1 Zach Cartier shows off the team belt after a stellar 24-save performance, while #14 Kaeden McIvor rocks the team helmet after his goal and two assists in the Broncos' 6-4 win. - Adrian Mifflin Photo

Stay active this winter: free access for youth at Morinville Leisure Centre



The Pembina Youth Activate program at the Morinville Leisure Centre promotes youth fitness and activity by offering free admission for youth ages 12 to 19 on Fridays from 4 to 9 pm. - Town of Morinville photo. See article on page 2

By Shelley Winger

The Gibbons Broncos snapped their post-Christmas losing streak on Saturday with a hard-fought 6-4 victory over the SWZ Ice Kings, keeping their playoff hopes alive.

The win comes after a 5-2 loss to the NEZ Northstars on Friday, highlighting the team's resilience as they battle through a tough 2025 season.

"We have some important players currently suspended, so the wins have been hard to come by in

2025," said Adrian Mifflin, president of the Broncos.

"We hadn't won since the Christmas break, so to finally win last night felt good. It was a big win to keep us in the playoff race."

The win was a true team effort, with several players contributing:

- Nathan Morgan (#3): Two goals
- Kaeden McIvor (#14): One goal and two assists
- Sam Cyr (#21): One goal and one assist
- Liam Rowswell

(#11), Bobby Cole (#89): One goal each

• Assists from Declin Rowswell (#7), Owen Carter (#8), Dawson Finnerty (#17), Liam Strickland (#19), and Matt Chorney (#20) highlighted the depth of the roster.

Goaltender Zach Cartier (#1) stood tall in net with 24 saves, earning him the team belt for his standout performance. Meanwhile, McIvor donned the team's signature helmet, adding a touch of fun to the

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Stay active this winter: free access for youth at Morinville Leisure Centre

By Haylee Winger

The Town of Morinville is offering local youth a fantastic opportunity to stay active and engaged through the Pembina Youth Activate Program.

Designed for youth ages 12 to 19, the program provides free admission to the Morinville Leisure Centre every Friday from 4 to 9 p.m. During these hours, participants can access the fitness centre and

fieldhouse, offering a wide range of activities to keep them moving and having fun.

From basketball and volleyball in the fieldhouse to cardio equipment in the gym,

there's something for everyone.

The initiative encourages healthy living while also giving youth a chance to connect with peers in a positive environment. It's a great way to combat the winter blues and build both physical and mental well-being.

In addition to the physical benefits, the Pembina Youth Activate Program also helps foster a sense of community among young residents.



Town of Morinville photo

With supervised access to the leisure centre, participants can enjoy a safe and welcoming space to unwind, socialize, and stay active during the colder months.

Whether you're looking to stay fit, try a new sport, or simply

spend time with friends, the Pembina Youth Activate Program is a perfect way to make the most of your Fridays.

Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to stay active and involved this winter season!



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Morinville Police seek community input on 2025 policing priorities

With a focus on community safety, The Town of Morinville is working closely with the RCMP to determine key policing focus areas for 2025. They invite residents to

share their thoughts on local safety concerns that matter most to them.

Join them for an in-person discussion on Wednesday, February 12, at the Morinville Community

Cultural Centre.

Two sessions will be available:

- Afternoon session: 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

- Evening session: 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Can't attend in person? You can

also share your input through an online survey at engage.morinville.ca/policing.

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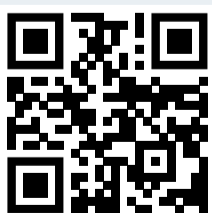
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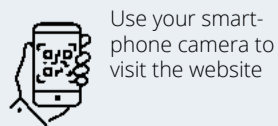
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Building skills on and off the ice: The Gibbons Grizzly Hockey Program

By Shelley Winger

The Gibbons Grizzly Hockey Program isn't just about developing hockey players – it's about shaping well-rounded individuals.

By focusing on both hockey and life skills, this program at Gibbons School provides students with the tools they need to succeed on the ice, in the classroom, and beyond.

One of the standout aspects of the program is its emphasis on teaching students critical life skills, such as time management and organization.

According to Jason Knight, these lessons are naturally built into the daily routine.

"The students need to develop the skill of time management by individually being responsible to get their



Grizzlies players sharpen their skills during a fast-paced drill. - Jason Knight Photo

equipment from our storage area after their block 4 class at 10:30 AM and meet at the school door, gear in hand, ready to walk to the rink," he explains.

From getting dressed and being on the ice by 11:00 AM to quickly returning to school, eating lunch, and preparing for their afternoon classes, students learn the

importance of planning ahead.

"They need to plan the night before and ensure that their hockey bag is ready to go for their scheduled ice session," Knight adds.

Mistakes happen, of course. "The odd student forgets their skates, a glove, or their neck guard, but I guarantee that they



Gibbons Grizzlies players gather for coaching during practice, blending hockey skills with life lessons. - Jason Knight Photo

rarely do it again – missing an ice session is painful for most hockey-crazy kids," he laughs.

Accountability extends to the classroom as well. "To be honest, I didn't dream as a young hockey player to be a teacher," Knight shares.

"However, hockey was the vessel that brought me to college

and eventually became a teacher. So, classroom performance is followed to ensure that our student athletes make their education a priority."

As the program grows, Jason Knight is optimistic about its future.

"We truly hope that the program increases in numbers. Both our

elementary and junior high groups have room for more eager student athletes," he says.

This year, the program also took steps to become more accessible by lowering tuition fees.

"Our hope is to make the option at Gibbons School more accessible for our students," he explains.

With its focus on hockey skill development, life skills, and accessibility, the Gibbons Grizzly Hockey Program is more than just a sports initiative – it's a community where young athletes can thrive.

Whether students are dreaming of future hockey success or just want to enjoy the game, this program ensures they are building skills that will last a lifetime.

LAND USE BYLAW

Focused Review and Update

The Town of Gibbon's is undertaking a **focused review and update** to the Town's current Land Use Bylaw.

Alberta's Municipal Government Act requires municipalities to have a Land Use Bylaw. This is not a new requirement; all municipalities have had a Land Use Bylaw for several decades. A Land Use Bylaw establishes rules and regulations for land use and development as well as processes for making decisions on subdivision and development permit applications.

The Land Use Bylaw includes a wide range of regulations, including:

- Development permit application requirements;
- The maximum height, number, and size of buildings on a lot; and
- Lists of permitted and discretionary uses for each land use district.

The Town of Gibbons' current Land Use Bylaw is almost 20 years old. Since it was adopted, new development pressures and trends have emerged, and provincial legislation related to planning and development have been amended several times by the Government of Alberta. The current Land Use Bylaw has been amended approximately 55 times to address mapping and regulatory changes.

Through 2024, Town Administration and Council have developed and reviewed a draft Land Use Bylaw that is now ready for community input.

The primary purpose of this review and update is to address changes to provincial legislation and to reduce red tape associated with subdivision and development processes (where appropriate). The Town wishes to enable a wider range of commercial, industrial, and residential development opportunities that address the needs of existing and future Town residents.

A copy of the draft Land Use Bylaw (and a summary of the proposed changes) will be available on the Town of Gibbon's website at the end of January: www.gibbons.ca.



PUBLIC OPEN HOUSES

Online and In-Person Opportunities

The next step in this project is to **invite community members** to attend the project's open houses. Two open houses will be held to provide community members with the opportunity to learn about the project and provide feedback.

Online: Wednesday, February 5, 2025 (6:00 PM to 8:00 PM)

A link to join the meeting will be available on the Town's website the day of the online open house.

At the online open house, community members will have the opportunity to learn more about the draft Land Use Bylaw **during the presentation**. There will be opportunities to ask questions, hear answers, and provide feedback on the draft Land Use Bylaw that will be shared with Town Council for their consideration.

In-Person: Saturday, February 8, 2025 (10:00 AM to 1:00 PM)

Gibbons Cultural Centre

At the in-person open house, community members will have the opportunity to learn more about the draft Land Use Bylaw by chatting one-on-one with the project team and viewing information posters and maps. **Drop-in anytime during the open house (no scheduled presentation)**; there will be opportunities to ask questions, hear answers, and provide feedback on the draft Land Use Bylaw that will be shared with Town Council for their consideration.

Have Questions? Reach out to the project team!

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The Skating Trail is located off Cardiff Park Road, with parking available on-site and washrooms for your convenience.

The trail loops through the trees, making it perfect for skaters of all levels, while a smaller oval is available for beginners to practice.

Open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Please note, Cardiff Park gates close at 11:00 p.m. daily, and trail conditions are weather-dependent.

Trail lights are on from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily.

Best of all, the trail is free for everyone to enjoy.

For more information, visit sturgeoncounty.ca/trails.



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WOMBANIA

by PETER MARINACCI

Dorothy "Doreen" (Mills) Perrott

July 11, 1939 – January 20, 2025

Born at Independence, Sturgeon County, Alberta to Britton and Mollie Mills, Doreen was the second of the three "Mills girls." Doreen married Gilbert George Perrott from Riviere Qui Barre in 1958. The couple settled on a farm west of R.Q.B. where they raised their family and where she lived until her death.

Doreen is survived by six children: Careen (Mel Fundytus), Lori, Craig (Claudette Kuster), Janet (Jeff Bokenfohr), Grant (Terri), and Brent (Arlene), twelve grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren and a large extended family. She was predeceased by her husband, parents and sisters.

A celebration of Doreen's life will be held at the Calahoo Community Hall (9 Township Road 275, Calahoo, Alberta), Saturday February 1st at 1 p.m.

The family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to the staff and volunteers at the Foyer Lacombe Hospice in St. Albert for their compassion and caring.

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celebration. With playoffs beginning in the last week of February,

the Broncos are determined to make a strong postseason push. "Yes, we will be a part of it," Mifflin confirmed. For the Broncos,

this victory is more than just two points in the standings - it's a reminder of their perseverance and the support of their community.

SLOW COOKING WORD SEARCH

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BASTE	HOURS	REDUCE	STEW
BLANCH	LOW	ROAST	TEMPERATURE
BRAISE	MEALS	SEAR	TENDER
	PATIENCE	SIMMER	TIMING

Swing into Spring Show & Sale

By Haylee Winger

The Morinville & District Chamber of Commerce is thrilled to announce the upcoming Swing into Spring Show & Sale, a highly anticipated event, a must-attend for local businesses and families.

This two-day event, taking place on Saturday, April 12th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 13th from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Morinville Leisure Centre, promises to be a vibrant celebration of spring, offering businesses a fantastic platform to showcase their products and services to a wide array of shoppers.

As the weather warms up, this event is the perfect opportunity to kick off the season and grow your business.

The Swing into Spring Show & Sale is designed to help local vendors reach new customers, expand their presence in the community, and connect with people looking to explore the best products and services available in the Morinville area.

Whether you're a long-established business or a new startup, this event offers you the chance to display your offerings in a welcoming and high-traffic environment.

What makes this event even more special is the addition of exciting activities for the whole family.

The Family Fun Zone will be filled with engaging activities for children, making it an enjoyable experience for visitors of all ages.

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castles to face painting, the fun never stops.

Adding to the springtime cheer, the Easter Artisan Market will feature a diverse selection of handmade crafts, jewelry, art, and seasonal goods, giving shoppers a chance to support local artisans and discover unique, one-of-a-kind treasures just in time for Easter.

Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to showcase your business to the community while enjoying a weekend full of springtime fun and festivities.

For more information on how to reserve your booth or learn more about the event, visit the Morinville & District Chamber of Commerce website or contact their office directly.

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- Board and Committee Meetings:** SturgeonCounty.ca/Boards
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Youth Advisory Committee	Feb. 3	6:00 PM
Subdivision and Development Appeal Board	Feb. 4	2:00 PM
ALUS Partnership Advisory Committee (PAC)	Feb. 5	9:00 AM
Community Services Advisory Board	Feb. 10	6:00 PM
Regular Council followed by Committee of the Whole	Feb. 11	9:00 AM
Family Day	Feb. 17	Closed
Subdivision and Development Appeal Board	Feb. 18	2:00 PM
Winterfest	Feb. 22	3 - 8 PM
Regular Council followed by Committee of the Whole	Feb. 25	9:00 AM
Agricultural Service Board	Feb. 26	9:00 AM

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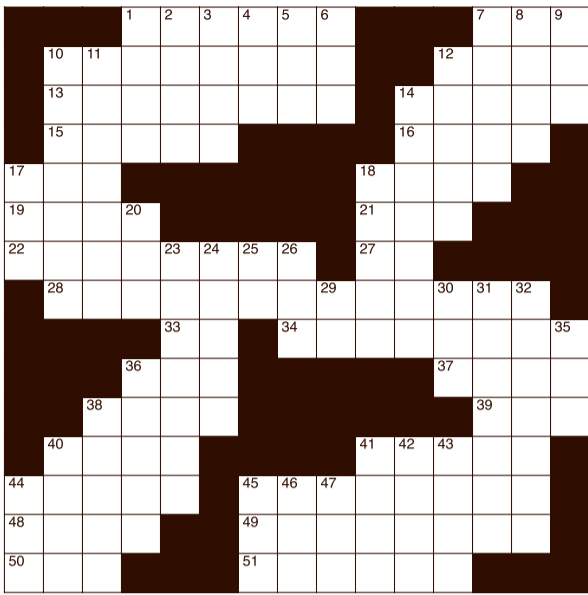
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- 7. Miller beer variety
- 10. Ageless
- 12. River in SE Europe
- 13. Able to be repaired
- 14. Type of wrap
- 15. Atomic #54
- 16. Type of tent
- 17. U.S. Treasury position
- 18. Opposed to
- 19. Protective covering
- 21. Bridge building degree
- 22. Clouding of the lens
- 27. Priestess of Hera loved by Zeus
- 28. Unacceptable
- 33. Mr. T's "The A-Team" character
- 34. American national park

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Supreme god of ancient Egyptians
- 36. One point south of due east
- 37. Assist in a crime
- 38. Greek mythological personification of Earth
- 39. A major division of geological time
- 40. German courtesy title
- 41. English family dating back to Norman times
- 44. Discounts
- 45. South American nation
- 48. Former Milwaukee Buck Michael
- 49. Hostile
- 50. Passports and drivers licenses are two
- 51. Discourages from doing

- 2. Nevada city
- 3. Energy, style and enthusiasm
- 4. Bird's beak
- 5. Language
- 6. Midway between south and southeast
- 7. Punjab village
- 8. Small biting flies
- 9. Sportscaster Patrick
- 10. A way to get around
- 11. Repeat
- 12. A way to cook with fat
- 14. Temporary loss of consciousness
- 17. Reciprocal of a sine
- 18. Fir tree genus
- 20. "Transformers" director Michael
- 23. Criminals who steal
- 24. Genus of leaf-footed bug
- 25. Music product
- 26. "Talk to you"
- 29. Santa says it three times
- 30. Doctors' group
- 31. African nation
- 32. Ageless
- 35. When you hope to get somewhere
- 36. Worn
- 38. Deprives of vigor
- 40. Used to have (Scottish)
- 41. Where you live
- 42. Muslim ruler title
- 43. Basics
- 44. Type of drug (abbr.)
- 45. Spanish soldier
- 46. It precedes two
- 47. Illuminated

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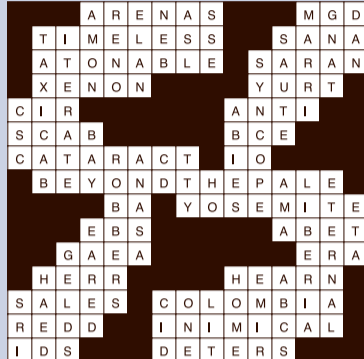
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ARIES Mar 21/Apr 20



Express yourself with great confidence this week, Aries. You feel like you are in control and well organized. This is a recipe for success regarding the things you need to accomplish.

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LIBRA Sept 23/Oct 23



Libra, you might be very popular with superiors at work this week. Use this to your advantage to seek out a raise. Ask to head an important project.

TAURUS Apr 21/May 21



Taurus, you have a clear mind this week to put plans in place. But you might need some inspiration to get started. Avoid procrastinating.

SCORPIO Oct 24/Nov 22



Scorpio, you can do anything you set your mind to. Share your ideas with others and determine which concepts have merit. If nothing comes up, go back to the drawing board.

GEMINI May 22/June 21



There are many tasks that lie ahead this week, Gemini. It will be essential that you stay focused. One of the areas to consider is changing personal health for the better.

SAGITTARIUS Nov 23/Dec 21



Others admire your ability to be a good friend, Sagittarius. This week you will showcase your compassion and humility in myriad ways. It might garner you extra attention.

CANCER Jun 22/Jul 22



Cancer, you may find you're an asset and sought-after among friends and coworkers. Use social situations to your advantage to network even more.

CAPRICORN Dec 22/Jan 20



Capricorn, happy news is coming your way this week. Share the good fortune with others in your life, either a spouse or a sibling. These people can use some sunshine as well.

LEO Jul 23/Aug 23



Clear up some space at home so you can work more easily, Leo. Too much clutter in your home or work area can be a distraction. Disorganization can make tasks harder.

AQUARIUS Jan 21/Feb 18



Aquarius, if at first you don't succeed, you may need to change your approach to things. Enlist the help of others to help turn your ideas into results.

VIRGO Aug 24/Sept 22



Practice being smooth and professional in your manner, Virgo. This will be the best way to get good results at work. Others may be impressed by how you handle yourself under pressure.

PISCES Feb 19/Mar 20



Develop a better strategy for saving money, Pisces. You need some extra funds to pay for larger expenses, and clipping coupons alone might not be the answer.

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STUNNING 10.72 ACRES NEAR WASKATENUA

A gardeners delight with mature trees, flower beds, gazebo and garden area. Older home was added onto in 1996 and remodelled

and features a mixture of old country charm and modern conveniences in this 1485 sq ft home. Some original doors and light fixtures, lots of modern white kitchen cabinets with granite countertops, gas fireplace, both main floor and bsmt laundry facilities, large back entrance and covered deck. Main floor has 2 bedrooms, 4 pce bath and large kitchen, dining room and living room. Bsmt has new flooring throughout the family room, bath (with corner jacuzzi tub) cold room and den. 32'x28' heated double garage was built in 2021 and is completely finished inside. Even has roughed in wiring for future electric car charger. 56'x20' metal clad cold storage shed and small barn. Completely fenced with new 5 strand barb wire fencing. Great opportunity for horses or hobby farm. About an hour from NE Edmonton, near Waskatenau. \$550,000. Call Heather to view.



3 BEDROOM HOME IN PIBROCH

Great starter or retirement home or rent it out. Has been rented in the past few years for \$950 per month plus utilities. Upgrades over the past years include metal

roof, windows, and furnace. In the past 3 years the hot water tank has been replaced, bathroom renovated and new vinyl plank flooring was installed. Main floor features a large back entrance with laundry, good sized kitchen with plenty of wood cabinets, 4 pce bathroom, furnace room and huge living room. Upper floor has 3 bedrooms. Sits on a large 150x50' corner lot with plenty of room to add a garden or garage. Backs onto a park with basketball court, ball diamond, fire pit area and kids playground. Pibroch has city water and community sewer and an active community hall. It's only minutes away from Westlock with all the amenities you will need including a hospital and indoor swimming pool. \$82,400. Call Heather to view.



10 ACRES IN THORHILD COUNTY

This newly subdivided lot has all 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.



NEWBROOK FARM

Enjoy privacy on this 160 acres at the end of a dead end road just a few minutes south of Newbrook. This cute 896 sq ft 2 bedroom 1 bathroom home was built in 1983 with 2"x6" walls and has been well kept.

Upgrades over the years include flooring, kitchen cabinets, windows, ss appliances (stove and dishwasher new this year) shingles and bathroom renovations. Open living/kitchen concept, bay window and garden doors to a large covered deck add to this great home. There is a 32'x24' detached garage with addition on the back for more storage. Beautiful setting amongst large mature trees. The pasture land is all fenced and has dugouts for water and has been rented out for cattle pasture the last few years Perfect property for someone wanting a little privacy with lots of land for hunting or farming. Just about an hour to Edmonton. \$459,900. Call Heather to view.



GORGEOUS 70 ACRES

A nice mixture of native trees and high, open land in a quiet area of Thorhild County. Start your hobby farm or add some pasture land to your holdings. Could

be worked and seeded to hay too if wanted. Driveway is at the end of a dead end road for privacy. Build your dream home, add to your farm, or use it for recreational use. Could be a weekend getaway or great hunting land as there is an abundance of wildlife on it. Located on the corner of Twp 614 and RR 225(with driveway on the far west end of Twp 625). About an hour from Edmonton and only 2 miles of gravel road to paved highway 661. \$199,900 Call Heather to view.



2,78 ACRES NEAR BON ACCORD

2.78 acres of treed land on pavement 30 minutes north of Edmonton, in a beautiful setting close to Lily Lake. The property has two

outbuildings - a 87x24 ft pole shed and a 30x12.5 ft storage shed. Close to power and gas, with the trees offering privacy from the road, this land is great for a new home or private storage. Easy access to Bon Accord and Gibbons for shopping and schools. \$129,900. Call Glenn for more info.



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