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Rosieridge introduces Reuse-It Centre at its new ground-level facility

By Stephen Dafoe

Rosieridge Waste Management Services Commission unveiled its newly improved operation

in November, marking a significant step in its long-term strategic plan to enhance accessibility and continued environmental stewardship.

A standout feature of the upgrade is the elimination of the need to drive up to the active tipping face. The entire facility now operates on

ground level, simplifying waste and recycling disposal for residents.

The new Reuse-It Centre, developed in response to community feedback, provides a dedicated space for exchanging and repurposing gently used items. Visitors can now drop

off and pick up items, promoting reuse and reducing waste.

"We've noticed that public demand is currently low, given the time of year," said Susan Berry, Executive Director of Rosieridge Waste Management Services Commission.

"However, we hope

that this continues to grow over time as more residents become aware of the service and embrace the opportunities it offers."

The Reuse-It Centre accepts items such as bicycles, gardening tools, sports

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Rosieridge Waste and Recycling Coordinator, Darren Appleby stands in the facility's reuse it centre. Although the sign says, they won't take everything, they will take the bathroom sink, and the kitchen sink, too, if it is reusable. - Stephen Dafoe Photo

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Morinville Community Library unveils “Be a Reading Machine” winter program

By Stephen Dafoe

The Morinville Community Library is inviting residents to participate in its annual Winter Reading Program, running from January 1 to February 28.

This year’s theme, Be a Reading Machine, encourages readers of all ages to immerse themselves in literature during the colder months.

“Winter is a great time to focus on reading,” said Morinville Community Library Program Coordinator Jessica Sheppard.

“This program helps people reconnect with books and get back into the habit after the busy holiday season. It’s also a small but meaningful way to engage with the library and the community.”

Participants are challenged to read for a total of 300 minutes over the program’s



Morinville Community Library Program Coordinator Jessica Sheppard shows some of the badges available through Beanstack for this year’s Winter Reading Program. - Stephen Dafoe Photo

duration.

Utilizing the Beanstack platform, readers can log their minutes, complete activities, and earn badges.

For those preferring a non-digital approach, printed bingo cards featuring reading-related challenges are available.

“We like to offer options,” Sheppard explained. “Whether it’s logging minutes online or filling out a bingo card, we want to make the program accessible for everyone.”

The program offers individual milestones and activities to keep participants engaged.

Prizes will be awarded to top readers in two categories: children, and teens, and adults.

Additionally, the library will host passive programming, such as a “wish jar” activity in the Children’s section, where young patrons can write their wishes for 2025 throughout January.

“For parents, it’s a wonderful way to encourage reluctant readers,” “Kids who are competitive often love the milestones and badges – it gives them a fun incentive to keep going,” Sheppard said.

The library’s previous Summer Reading Program, Galactic Readers, ran from July 2 to August 11 and featured a space theme.

Participants were divided into teams – Team Andromeda, Team Cosmos, Team Milky Way, and Team Orion – to foster friendly competition.

The program encouraged readers to log 900 minutes and engage in space-themed crafts and activities.

Because of the shorter duration for the winter iteration of the popular program, the reading tally has

been set to only 300 minutes, and readers will compete as individuals in the two categories.

Participants can sign up for the Winter Reading Program through the library’s website, which includes a how-to guide for using Beanstack.

Community members are encouraged to visit the library in person for assistance with registration or navigating the platform.

“If anyone has trouble signing up or navigating the platform, we’re always happy to help,” Sheppard said.



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Upcoming SCARS' fundraiser offers tacos, tunes, and paw-sitive change

By Stephen Dafoe

Second Chance Animal Rescue Society (SCARS) is gearing up to host Tacos and Tunes on February 15, 2025, at the Morinville Community Cultural Center.

The day-long event promises a combination of animal adoption opportunities and some unique evening entertainment, and, of course, tacos, all to support SCARS' Walls for Winter Program.

The fundraiser, which will feature an adoption showcase in the morning and a cabaret in the evening, seeks to raise funds for building shelters for animals in need.

Event organizer and longtime SCARS supporter Ian Falcon highlighted the program's significance, saying, "It's a great fundraiser for building dog houses and basically for SCARS' rescue efforts.

They have shelters all over the region, and this event helps bring them more into the community."

A Full Day of Activities

The adoption event will run from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m., allowing attendees to meet SCARS volunteers and interact with adoptable animals.

In the evening, the

"Tunes" portion of the event kicks off at 6 p.m., featuring live music from local band Calico Road, a taco bar, margaritas, a silent auction, and door prizes.

"The cabaret is going to be a great time," Falcon said. "It's the day after Valentine's Day, so it's perfect for couples or friends looking for a fun night out. You'll get a good meal, live music from a great local band, and the chance to support a meaningful cause."

Tickets are \$60 and include access to the taco bar, which will feature a variety of proteins, including pork, chicken, beef, and vegetarian options.

Falcon emphasized the event's value, stating, "You'll get great food and entertainment, and you're supporting SCARS' mission to help animals in need."

Familiar faces in a new band

Local band Calico Road will debut at the event, bringing a mix of rock and country hits spanning the past four decades. Band member Riley Quinn shared insights into the group's formation and preparation.

"All of us have played together in various bands over the years, and this event was the perfect

catalyst to bring us together," he said, noting the band consists of himself, siblings Josh and Caelan Melvin and drummer Jean-Luc Coupal.

"We've been working on a setlist that has a little something for everyone - fun, catchy songs that are great for dancing."

The band's name, Calico Road, was inspired by a historic route in California's Mojave Desert that leads to the Calico Ghost Town, a former silver mining hub now preserved as a regional park.

"I saw a picture of a roadside sign years ago, and the name just stuck with me," Quinn explained of the historic road. "When we started the band, I thought it would be the perfect fit. It has a unique, country vibe that works well for us."

Quinn encourages the community to come out and enjoy the evening. "It's going to be a really fun night, with great music and a chance to support an amazing cause," he said.

Supporting a Worthy Cause

Proceeds from Tacos and Tunes will go toward SCARS' Walls for Winter Program, providing critical animal shelter during Alberta's coldest months.



It's hard to keep your paws off of tacos, and tacos and tunes offers area residents an opportunity for an evening of great food and music in aid of our four-legged friends. - Submitted photo

Falcon underscored the importance of the initiative, saying, "SCARS always needs donations, and events like this are a great way to raise funds while bringing the community together."

In addition to the in-person silent

auction at the event, many auction items will be available online beforehand. Falcon encouraged attendees to check out the SCARS website for more information. "We have a lot of great items that people can bid on," he said. "It's just one more way to

make the event a success and help animals in need."

Tickets can be purchased through the SCARS website at <https://scarscare.ca/all-events/tnt/>. Additional information about the event and silent auction can be found there as well.

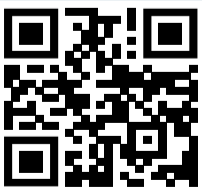


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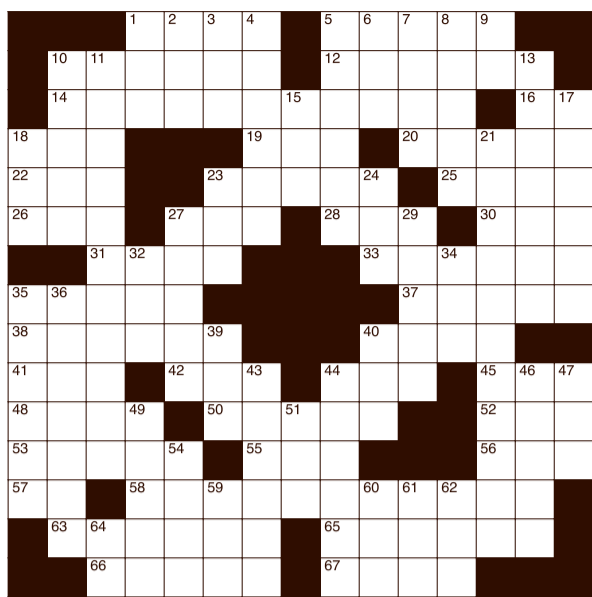
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LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

Fun By The Numbers: Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

CROSSWORDS

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- 10. Fencing sword
- 11. Hostilities
- 13. Sea dweller
- 15. Resinlike substance secreted by certain insects
- 17. Businessmen
- 18. Rest here please (abbr.)
- 21. Loud devices
- 23. Make a soft murmuring sound
- 24. One point west of due south
- 27. Trout
- 29. Type of grass
- 32. South American plant
- 34. Letter of the Greek alphabet
- 35. Not secure
- 36. Traveler
- 39. Sweet potato
- 40. Period after sunrise and before sunset
- 43. Some are choppy
- 44. Asian country
- 46. Genus of mosquitoes
- 47. Cool!
- 49. Shrill, wailing sound
- 51. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
- 54. Within
- 59. Unhappy
- 60. Decorate a cake with frosting
- 61. Videocassette recorder
- 62. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
- 64. It cools a home

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Hand (Spanish)
- 5. Siskel and ___, critics
- 10. Seaman
- 12. Chemical weapon
- 14. One who eliminates
- 16. They precede C
- 18. Baseball stat
- 19. Americans' "uncle"
- 20. Cassia tree
- 22. Surround
- 23. Crisp and Pebbles are two
- 25. A sudden very loud sound
- 26. Affirmative
- 27. Disadvantage
- 28. Corpuscle count (abbr.)
- 30. OJ trial judge
- 31. New York art district
- 33. Become more bleak
- 35. Upstate NY city
- 37. Clarified butters
- 38. One who witnesses
- 40. Condemn
- 41. ___ juris

CLUES DOWN

- 42. Natural
- 44. Prohibit
- 45. Swiss river
- 48. Greek war god
- 50. 5 iron
- 52. New Zealand mountain parrot
- 53. Scandinavian surname
- 55. Follows sigma
- 56. Doctor of Education
- 57. Spanish be
- 58. One that feeds on bugs
- 63. Tooth issue
- 65. Get into
- 66. Lumps of clay
- 67. Overly studious student



Morinville Mayor Simon Boersma and RCMP Staff Sergeant Darcy McGunigal speak with motorists during the annual Candy Cane Check Stop in front of Town Hall on Thursday, December 12. The initiative, held to raise awareness about impaired driving ahead of the holidays, was a collaborative effort between MADD Edmonton and Area, RCMP Alberta, Sturgeon County Enforcement Services and Council, Sturgeon Rural Crime Watch Association, and Morinville Council, Enforcement Services, and Fire Department. - Stephen Dafeo Photo

Reuse-It Centre

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equipment (excluding protective gear and underclothing), wood furniture, gently used construction materials, and home repair tools. However, residents should take books, cookware, seasonal décor, and children's toys to local thrift stores. Upholstered furniture

and mattresses are considered garbage and cannot be accepted at the centre. The commission's commitment to sustainability is evident in these updates, which seek to reduce landfill contributions, preserve valuable air space at the landfill for future use, and support a circular economy by encouraging reuse,

recycling, and resource recovery. "Our vision for the future includes protecting the environment through proper sorting of resources and reducing waste going to landfill," Berry explained. For more information on the new facility, including a complete list of acceptable recycling items, visit Roseridge.ab.ca.



Work was progressing nicely on St. Jean Baptiste Church in Morinville in late December. The church is set to officially open for Christmas Mass in 2025. - Stephen Dafeo Photo



Proposed Internet Tower in Sturgeon County

Please take notice that MCSnet is proposing a tower a new 100 foot free-standing tower in Sturgeon County

LOCATION

- NW 33-55-25 W4
- 55521 RNG RD 254

The purpose of this tower is to provide enhanced Broadband Wireless Internet Services in the area along with VOIP (Voice over IP) telephone services.

All equipment complies with Health Canada's Safety Code 6, including combined effects within the local radio environment at all times. The installation will respect good engineering practices, including structural adequacy. The tower will be constructed in compliance with Transport Canada's aeronautical obstruction marking requirements.

Any person(s) wishing further information, having questions, comments or concerns are asked to contact MCSnet on or before the close of February 10, 2025.

Projet de tour Internet proposé dans le comté de Sturgeon

Veillez prendre note que MCSnet propose l'installation d'une nouvelle tour autoportante de 100 pieds dans le comté de Sturgeon

EMPLACEMENT

- NW 33-55-25 W4
- 55521 RNG RD 254

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Tout l'équipement est conforme au Code de sécurité 6 de Santé Canada, y compris les effets combinés dans l'environnement radio local en tout temps. L'installation respectera les bonnes pratiques d'ingénierie, y compris l'adéquation structurelle. La tour sera construite en conformité avec les exigences de marquage des obstacles aéronautiques de Transports Canada.

Toute personne souhaitant obtenir de plus amples informations, poser des questions, faire des commentaires ou exprimer des préoccupations est priée de contacter MCSnet au plus tard le 10 février, 2025.

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Julian Hardman

September 8, 1929 ~ December 23, 2024

Julian Hardman passed away on Monday, December 23, 2024. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2024 at 1:00 pm at the Ddra Darwell Centennial Hall / Interlake Golden Age Club, AB-765, Darwell, Alberta. Arrangements entrusted to the care of Sturgeon Memorial Funeral Chapel 780-921-3900.

Robert Henry Lemm

1942 - 2024

Robert Henry Lemm, a retired military pilot renowned for his sharp wit, unparalleled sarcasm, and love of adventure, passed away on Thursday,



December 19, 2024, at the age of 82 years. Born in Creston, British Columbia to Mary and William Lemm he called Penticton his home until he enlisted in the Canadian Air Force and lived in various parts of the country until settling in Sturgeon County in 1982.

Bob, as he was known by friends, family, and countless fellow service members, led a life filled with high-flying achievements, a few misadventures, and a lot of laughter. After retiring from a career as a military pilot, he found new ways to stay airborne—whether navigating the skies in his personal plane or simply steering conversations into bold, humorous and sometimes contentious territory. He had a rare gift of making anyone laugh, often with a well-timed quip or a perfectly delivered sarcastic remark. His trademark humor made him a beloved figure in both his military and civilian life.

Living on a farm filled Bob with a passion for collecting—and let's be honest, borderline hoarding. This place has become a mechanical wonderland, filled with cars, engines, wrenches, and tools stacked in every corner. It's not so much about organization as it is about rescuing old projects and the faint hope that one day, something might come in handy. The farm is a testament to the joy of fixing things that don't need fixing and collecting "just in case"—even if that case never comes. If something of yours was borrowed, please let us know so we can ensure you get it and a few other items back.

Though Bob's demeanour was legendary, it was his love for his family that defined him. He is survived by his wife, Theresa Poulin; two grown children Sonja Shank (Vincent) and David Lemm (Danielle); and five grandchildren, all of whom will carry his wit, humor, and legacy forward. Bob's love for them was unwavering, and while he often joked that he had "seen it all," nothing in life brought him more joy than watching the family grow and thrive.

A Memorial Service will be held in the spring where family, friends, and anyone who appreciated a good laugh (and a little sarcasm) will gather to celebrate his remarkable life. Arrangements entrusted to the care of Sturgeon Memorial Funeral Chapel (780) 921-3900

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CROSSWORDS

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 F I S K E T A U E D D
 E S I N S E C T I V O R E
 T A R T A R A C C E S S
 C L O D S N E R D



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ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20



Focus on collaboration this week, Aries. Teamwork leads to unexpected rewards if you are open to others' ideas, so remain receptive to the input of teammates.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21



Taurus, when a project presents itself to you, stay grounded and run through all the components carefully. Employ the same strategy when going over financial opportunities.

GEMINI

May 22/June 21



Gemini, clear up any misunderstandings and express your thoughts openly with others this week. Communication is certainly key at this juncture in time.

CANCER

June 22/July 22



It is important that you take time for some self-care this week, Cancer. Your emotional well-being is just as important as your physical fitness. Reflect on some personal goals in this area.

LEO

July 23/Aug 23



Leo, you often excel in group settings, and social gatherings this week are a place where you can shine. Use all opportunities to network and connect with others.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22



It is important to focus on your work-life balance right now, Virgo. Prioritize important tasks, but also make time for relaxation. Small changes to your routine can be ideal.

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LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23



Embrace your artistic side this week, Libra. Consider a new hobby that will keep your mind busy. Social activities that involve creative pursuits also can bring inspiration and joy.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22



Allow home and family to take center stage, Scorpio. Spend as much time as possible with loved ones and try to get to the root of any persistent, unresolved issues.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21



Sagittarius, this week focus on activities that afford a chance to learn and explore. You might want to take a class or try a new hobby. Curiosity can be exciting.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20



Financial matters may require some attention right now, Capricorn. Examine your budget and figure out if the new year requires some changes to how you're managing money.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18



Aquarius, new ideas may lead to some personal projects that inspire you. You might find that you'll be quite busy on these self-imposed tasks for the next couple of weeks.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20



This is a good time to focus attention inward, Pisces. Make time for reflection and even some meditation if that is something that interests you. The rewards will be worth it.

Creative Coloring

Color in this picture to create your own masterpiece.



Double Word Puzzle

Unscramble the words to reveal the sentence.

NULRA

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YRAE

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Answer: Enjoy the lanterns

CANADA

MONTH



HISTORY

1805

The state of Vermont in the United States passes an act to establish the line between it and Canada.

World FACT:

This celebration occurs in many Asian countries and prominently features animals.

Answer: Chinese (lunar) New Year



Chinese New Year is the longest Chinese holiday, as it lasts 16 days. However, only the first seven days are a public holiday.



Get the PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Dragon puppet



English: Snake
Spanish: Serpiente
Italian: Serpente
French: Serpent
German: Schlange