

Sturgeon Sting U18 AA celebrates 2025 graduating players

By Haylee Winger

The Sturgeon Sting U18 AA hockey team will honor their 2025 graduating players during their final home game of the season, which will take place at the Morinville Leisure Centre on February 28th at 7 p.m.

This special game will recognize the dedication and hard work of these athletes, with their biggest supporters, including coaching staff and families, joining in the celebration.

It will be a memorable moment as the team bids farewell to these players who have given so much

to the game over the years.

Join the Sturgeon Sting family in wishing these athletes much success as they embark on new journeys, both on and off the ice.

The graduating players are:

- Jacob Brown - Gibbons
- Koehan Currie - Gibbons
- Braiden Taylor - Gibbons
- Tyson Oba - Athabasca
- Cole Fedorovich - Busby
- Carter Rennie - Clyde
- Jeremy Letourneau - Legal
- Kodey Morgan - Westlock
- Coby St Arnaud - Westlock

Come out to support these remarkable players as they take the ice for one last time at home!



SCARS' Tacos & Tunes event raises funds for Winter Shelter Program

By Haylee Winger

On February 15, Second Chance Animal Rescue Society (SCARS) hosted a vibrant Tacos & Tunes

event at the Morinville Community Cultural Centre, blending an adoption event with a lively cabaret to raise funds for the organization's Walls

for Winter program.

The Walls for Winter initiative provides insulated dog and cat houses to help northern companion animals who live



outdoors during the cold winter months.

The evening was filled with fun and community spirit, featuring an all you can eat taco bar, margaritas, and live music by local band Calico Road.

Guests also enjoyed watching the 4 Nations Cup on a big screen, taking part in a silent auction, and trying their luck at a wine raffle.

Brenda from SCARS shared her

deep appreciation for the community's support, expressing, "Our heartfelt thanks to all our supporters who made the event such a success. A great time was had by all, we found homes for some of our animals with an adoption event held earlier that day and raised much-needed funds for our Walls for Winter shelter program."

However, she also highlighted the

urgent challenges the organization is facing, saying, "Our rescue is in crisis mode due to the number of help requests we receive every day. Animals suffer terribly in the cold, and without more adoptions and foster homes, we simply don't have the space or resources to take in every animal. We are now having to prioritize intake. Please help

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Family Day Glow Skate a huge success

By Haylee Winger

Morinville’s Family Day Glow Skate, held on February 17 at the Morinville Leisure Centre’s Landrex Arena, was a vibrant and exciting event that brought together families and residents of all ages. The ice was transformed into a lively, glowing space, with music provided by an on-ice DJ, colorful glowing lights, and a variety of exciting prizes.

The event was the

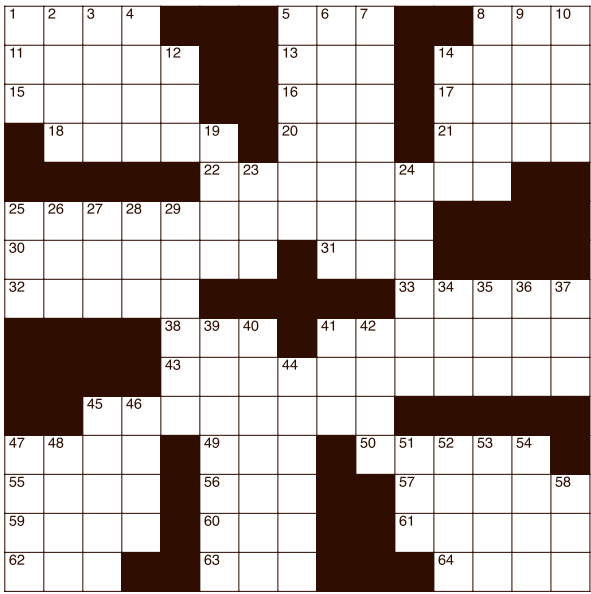
perfect setting for families to enjoy some quality time together while skating and celebrating Family Day. Whether gliding across the rink or cheering on friends and family, everyone had a great time. In addition to the fun, the event gave back to the community by collecting donations for Jessie’s House and Eileen’s Place (Jessica Martel Memorial Foundation), which supports individuals and

families fleeing domestic violence. Shoppers Drug Mart was also on-site, offering prize draws and free balloons for the kids, making the event even more special. The Family Day Glow Skate was a great event that united the Morinville community for a great day of skating, entertainment, and giving. It celebrated family, generosity, and local spirit, creating lasting memories for everyone who attended.



CROSSWORDS

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Greek mythological figure
- 5. Small amount
- 8. Play a role
- 11. River in Georgia and Alabama
- 13. Water in the solid state
- 14. Ancient Greek sophist
- 15. Having a strong sharp smell or taste
- 16. Fleece
- 17. Writer/actress Dunham
- 18. Behave in a way that belittles
- 20. Comedienne Gasteyer
- 21. Zoroastrian concept of holy fire
- 22. Conceits
- 25. Slowed down
- 30. Nourishment
- 31. Midway between east and southeast
- 32. Fights

CLUES DOWN

- 33. Comedienne Tyler
- 38. Standing operating procedure
- 41. Locks
- 43. Old
- 45. Song sung to one's lover
- 47. Whale ship captain
- 49. Moved quickly on foot
- 50. Volcanic craters
- 55. Large musical instrument
- 56. Liquefied natural gas
- 57. Ethiopian town
- 59. Not closed
- 60. A team's best pitcher
- 61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- 62. Disfigure
- 63. Prefix denoting "in a"
- 64. Sleep
- 1. S. American plant
- 2. Soul and calypso song
- 3. Fruit of the service tree

- 4. Continent
- 5. Albania's capital
- 6. Poisonous plant
- 7. Argues
- 8. Assists
- 9. Town in Galilee
- 10. Russian leader
- 12. Promotional materials
- 14. Wings
- 19. Not odd
- 23. Expression of creativity
- 24. Conceptualize
- 25. A digital tape recording of sound
- 26. Peyton's little brother
- 27. Cost, insurance and freight (abbr.)
- 28. Difference in potential
- 29. Owner
- 34. I (German)
- 35. Chinese conception of poetry
- 36. The world of the dead
- 37. Sign language
- 39. Coincide
- 40. Religious observance
- 41. Confined condition (abbr.)
- 42. Polite interruption sound
- 44. Texas ballplayer
- 45. Type of sword
- 46. Abba __, Israeli politician
- 47. Basic unit of a chemical element
- 48. Native American people in California
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Hebrew calendar month
- 53. Easily swindled person
- 54. One point south of southwest
- 58. Small island (British)



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Youth Advisory Committee	Mar. 5	6:00 PM
Sand and Gravel Advisory Committee	Mar. 10	9:00 AM
Regular Council followed by Committee of the Whole	Mar. 11	9:00 AM
Economic Development Advisory Board	Mar. 12	9:00 AM
Subdivision and Development Appeal Board	Mar. 18	2:00 PM
ALUS Partnership Advisory Committee (PAC)	Mar. 19	9:00 AM
Regular Council followed by Committee of the Whole	Mar. 25	9:00 AM
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Second Chance Animal Rescue Society photo

SCARS event

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us by fostering or adopting.”
Guests at the event had a great time while also taking the chance to connect

with the SCARS team, explore volunteer opportunities, and support animals in need. Thanks to the attendees of the event and ongoing support, SCARS is able to continue providing care to animals in need.

foster families and adoptions remains critical.

DENTIST OFFICE WORD SEARCH

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

WORDS

- ALGINATE
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CHECKUP
CLEANING
- CROWN
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Italian: Dentale
French: Dentaire
German: Zahn

NEW WORD

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MONTH

HISTORY

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BULLYING HURTS

SUDOKU SEE SOLUTIONS PAGE 8

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Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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I'LL WALK!

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The Town of Legal’s annual Family Day



The Town of Legal’s annual Family Day event took place on Monday, February 17th. Families enjoyed an afternoon filled with free curling, face painting, games, and treats for everyone.



Sturgeon County’s 100 Year Farm Family Award recognizes families who have lived and farmed in the County for 100 years or more.

If you meet the following criteria, your family may qualify for this award!

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- You are a direct descendant of the homesteader.
- Your family is currently farming the land.
- You, or another direct descendant of the original homesteader, still reside on the parcel of land.

Applications can be submitted with ownership records and documentation via:

Online: www.sturgeoncounty.ca/farmfamily

For more information or for alternate submission options visit www.sturgeoncounty.ca/AgricultureAwards.

If you have questions or require assistance with your application, call us at 780-939-8349.

The deadline for application submissions is Friday, February 28, 2025.



Sturgeon County is proud of its diverse and innovative agricultural sector! The Excellence in Agriculture Award is a way to recognize those who demonstrate excellence in what they do and help improve local communities, the economy, and the environment.

Past award recipients have been recognized for demonstrating excellence in a variety of ways, including: innovation and use of technology, engagement with youth and other community members, or protecting the environment through improved stewardship practices.

Who is eligible?

- Families and operators (individuals, community associations, groups and clubs) of farms of all sizes and types, such as grain, greenhouses and livestock producers.
- Businesses supporting the agricultural sector.
- Businesses that add value to agricultural commodities.
- Agri-tourism operators.

Applications and nominations can be submitted online by visiting

www.sturgeoncounty.ca/AgAwards

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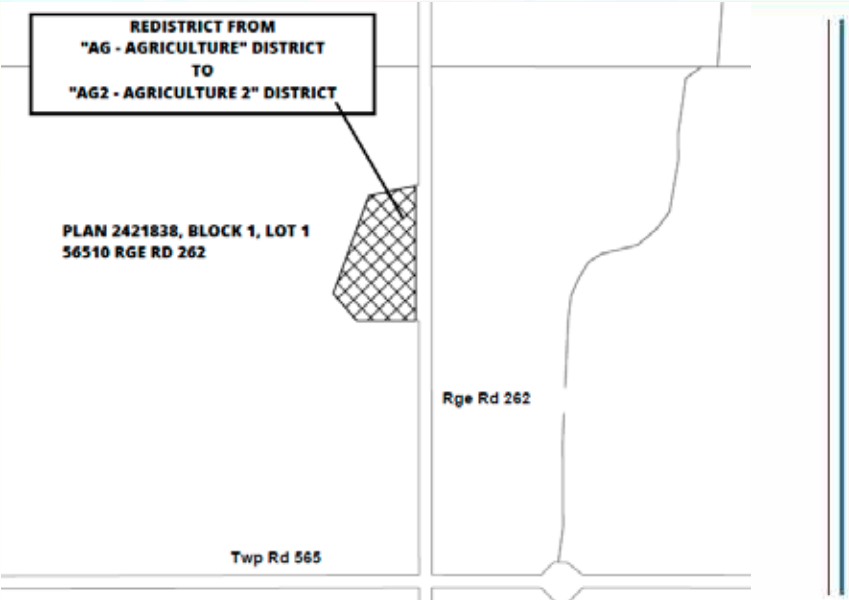
PUBLIC HEARING – Bylaw 1669/24
Amendment to Land Use Bylaw 1385/17

Sturgeon County Council requests public input on proposed Bylaw 1669/24. This Bylaw would redistrict a portion of SE-34-56-26-4 from AG - Agriculture to AG 2 - Agriculture 2 District, which accommodates diversified agricultural development with increased traffic and visitors.

The proponent is seeking to operate an Event/Wedding Venue on the property. As this land is currently designated as AG - Agriculture, it does not allow for this type of activity. Redistricting is being proposed to accommodate or allow for the associated uses.

Each time land is redistricted, a bylaw is needed to amend the Land Use Bylaw, and a Public Hearing must be held.

View the proposed bylaw at sturgeoncounty.ca/hearing-1669



Questions? Contact us!

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Public Hearing details

The Public Hearing will be held in person and via videoconference on:
Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 1 p.m. (or as soon as practical thereafter)
Sturgeon County Council Chambers (9613 100 St. in Morinville)
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All speakers have five minutes to speak and are encouraged to provide a written copy of their submission before the Public Hearing.

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To speak at the Public Hearing in person, contact Legislative Services at 780-939-8277 or 780-939-1377 to pre-register.

Speaking via videoconference

To speak at the Public Hearing via videoconference, you must register by March 10 at 1:00 p.m. 780-939-8277 or 780-939-1377. This ensures you receive instructions to access the videoconference.

Written submissions

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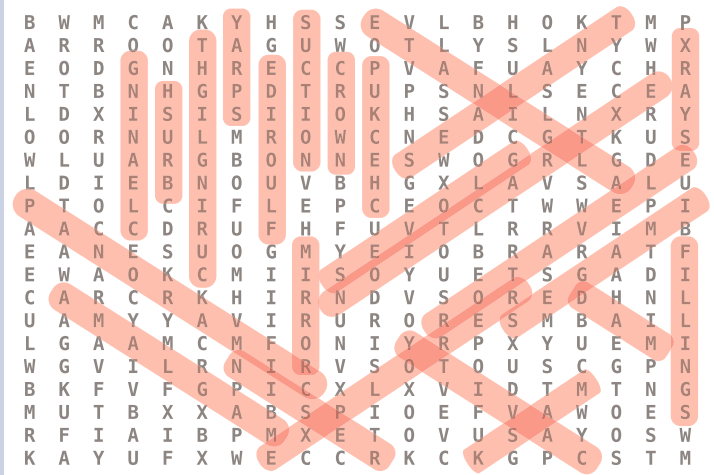
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WORDSEARCH



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CROSSWORDS

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ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20



Spending time with new friends and those you've know for years can be a satisfying way to pass the week, Aries. Try to plan some activities that you can enjoy together.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21



Taurus, this week you may choose to tackle some necessary, albeit time-consuming, chores. They may take a few hours, but then you'll have time to unwind.

GEMINI

May 22/Jun 21



Gemini, certain information that you have been looking for may finally come to the surface. Once you have your answers, you might be able to move on to other tasks.

CANCER

Jun 22/Jul 22



Cancer, emotional matters that emerged over the previous few days might soon be settled with all parties feeling satisfied with the results.

LEO

Jul 23/Aug 23



Leo, confusion with loved ones can be easily cleared up with a little, honest communication between you and the other people involved. Embrace this chance to be open and honest.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22



Virgo, you may be especially motivated this week and feel a need to get as much done as possible. Try not to race through tasks without focusing on doing things right.

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LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23



Libra, you are operating at peak efficiency and ready to handle many of the less exciting tasks on your to-do list. Tackle the grunt work and the fun will follow.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22



You have the stamina and energy to get a lot of chores taken care of this week, Scorpio. But you may be short on time. Enlist other people to help if an opportunity presents itself.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21



Don't be surprised if you spend a lot of your time on the phone this week, Sagittarius. There are many things on your to-do list and tackling them one by one is essential.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20



Financial paperwork and money matters fill the docket for you the next few days, Capricorn. Paying bills, balancing a checkbook and building your nest egg are your top priorities.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18



This week you could be feeling industrious and on the lookout for a new project, Aquarius. You will be an asset to anyone who needs extra assistance.

PISCES

Feb 19/Mar 20



Particularly vivid dreams could have you wondering what your mind is trying to tell you, Pisces. You might come up with some interesting interpretations, but the answers remain unknown.

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NEW THORHILD COUNTY FARMLAND

Two adjoining 80 acre parcels of grainland on the Northwest corner of the Hamlet of Thorhild. Asking \$250,000

each. There are also two 20 acre parcels of land adjacent to these that is currently zoned residential but being used as grain land. Asking \$70,000 for each of these pieces. Call Heather at 780-699-7914 with inquiries or Pat Olchowy Maxwell Progressive at 780-699-9599 for more info.



STUNNING 10.72 ACRES NEAR WASKATENAU

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 completey 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.



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.



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.



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.



NEW WEEKEND GETAWAY IN THORHILD

Beautifully treed 18.85 acres of land a few minutes north of Newbrook along highway 63. Great spot for a weekend getaway or hunting camp. Lots of crown land nearby and lots of opportunity for recreation with swimming, fishing, golfing, hiking and skiing just a few minutes north at Long Lake Provincial Park. \$59,900. Call Heather for more information.



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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