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Legion life member Ella Molloy celebrates 100th birthday



By Haylee
Winger

Family, friends, and fellow volunteers gathered in St. Albert recently to celebrate a remarkable milestone as Royal Canadian Legion Branch 271 Ladies Auxiliary Life Member Ella Molloy marked her 100th

birthday. The celebration brought together guests from Morinville, St. Albert, Sherwood Park, Edmonton, and beyond, including family members who travelled from across Alberta and Arizona to share in the occasion. For many in attendance, the event was an opportunity not

only to celebrate a century of life, but also to recognize Molloy's decades of dedication to community service and volunteerism. A member of the Ladies Auxiliary for 52 years, Molloy transferred to the St. Albert branch in 1974 and was awarded Life Membership in 2004.

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Members of the Royal Canadian Legion Br. 271 Ladies Auxiliary Jessie MacLeod and Joyce Murray (on the right) congratulate Life Member Ella Molloy on the celebration of her 100th Birthday. **Photo by Lucie Roy**



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Métis educator encourages students to embrace culture and personal growth



By Shelley
Winger

Students at Morinville Community High School recently learned more about Métis culture through music, dance and personal storytelling during a special presentation celebrating National Indigenous Peoples Month. The school welcomed Joely Gladue, a



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Practical steps to support your financial well-being

(NC) Worrying about money is a top concern for many Canadians—42 per cent of us, according to the latest FP Canada Financial Stress Index. When you're feeling constant financial pressure, it can be difficult to know where to start or how to move forward. Taking practical steps and focusing on what you can control can make a meaningful difference. Here are some things to consider:

Set clear financial goals

Clear goals provide direction. They help you define what you want to achieve, when you want to achieve it and what resources you can commit. For example, saving for a home may require a shorter timeline and disciplined contributions towards a down payment, while saving for education or retirement may involve a longer-term investment approach. As you go through different life stages, your financial priorities will likely shift—review your goals regularly to verify that

your plan reflects your current needs and circumstances.

Save with intention, no matter the amount

Saving doesn't have to start with a large amount to make a difference. Building the habit of saving regularly can be more important than the dollar figure itself. Small, consistent contributions can help create momentum and support longer-term financial stability, especially when directed into savings and investment accounts such as a registered retirement savings plan (RRSP), tax-free savings account (TFSA) or first home savings account (FHSA). Over time, those contributions will grow by earning returns on both your original savings and past growth.

Build an emergency fund

An emergency fund can help you prepare for unexpected expenses or events. As a general rule, it's a good idea to have three to six months'

worth of expenses saved and easily accessible. This can provide a buffer during uncertain times and reduce the need to make rushed financial decisions, such as selling investments or taking on additional debt.

Seek professional financial advice

You don't have to navigate financial decisions on your own. Working with a financial advisor can help clarify your goals, understand your options and build a plan that reflects your personal situation and priorities. In addition to professional advice, Canadians can also access educational information through trusted public resources, such as those provided by the Government of Canada, to better understand key financial concepts and planning considerations.

Financial well-being is a journey, and small steps can make a meaningful difference. Find tools and resources to support your next steps at co-operators.ca.



A Team Wright player drives toward the basket through a crowd of defenders during a recent game. Team Wright finished the season with a bronze-medal performance. **Morinville Youth Basketball photo**

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— Management & Staff



Curtis Farvolden, owner of Odin Renovations Inc. (left), and MLA Dale Nally stand outside the Midstream Support Society building in Morinville as crews work on a new roof donated by the company. The project was completed at no cost to the organization with support from local businesses and volunteers. **Odin Renovations Inc. photo**

Morinville property taxes due June 30



By Shelley Winger

Morinville property owners have until June 30 to pay their 2026 property taxes before penalties are applied.

Morinville recently released additional information to help residents better understand how property taxes are calculated and why individual tax bills can vary from one property to another. The information package addresses common questions about assessments, tax rates and assessment growth.

According to

information provided by the Town of Morinville, unpaid taxes will be subject to a six per cent penalty after June 30 and an additional six per cent penalty after Aug. 31. Any outstanding balance remaining after Dec. 31 will be subject to a 14 per cent penalty.

Property taxes are due 30 days after tax notices are issued and help fund a variety of municipal services including roads, sidewalks, parks, recreation facilities, snow clearing, emergency services and community programs.

As residents review their tax notices, the town is reminding

property owners that tax increases are not experienced equally across all properties. While council establishes an overall tax rate, the amount paid by individual property owners depends on several factors, including assessed property value, assessment class and how a property's value has changed relative to the overall market.

One of the most common questions from property owners is why neighbouring homes can experience different tax increases despite being subject to the same municipal tax rate.

The town notes

that if a property's assessed value has increased at a faster rate than the community average, that property owner may see a larger share of the municipal tax burden. Conversely, properties with lower-than-average assessment increases may experience a smaller tax increase.

Assessment growth occurs when the total taxable value of properties within the municipality increases. Growth can result from rising market values, new development, new construction or improvements made to existing properties. According to the

town, assessment growth changes how taxes are distributed among property owners but does not increase the total amount of municipal tax revenue collected.

Property assessments are based on market conditions as of July 1, 2025, and the physical condition of a property as of Dec. 31, 2025. The town uses these assessments to determine each property's share of municipal taxes.

In addition to municipal taxes, property tax notices include requisitions collected on behalf of other organizations, including the Alberta Education Property

Tax and Homeland Housing. Changes to those requisitions may affect overall tax bills independently of municipal budget decisions.

The town encourages property owners to review their assessment information carefully and contact municipal staff if they have questions about their assessment or tax notice. Information on payment options, assessments and tax certificates is available through the Town of Morinville.

Residents who have not yet paid their property taxes are encouraged to do so before the June 30 deadline to avoid penalties.

Four reasons to work in industries contributing to sustainability

(NC) Canada is committed to working towards net-zero emissions, and there's action underway across the country. Many industries are shifting to become more sustainable and offering new opportunities for building a rewarding career while making a positive impact on the environment. Here are some reasons to dedicate your skills to Canada's low-carbon transition:

1. Your skills are in demand. It's an exciting time to be looking for jobs in Canada's natural resource and low-carbon industries, which are some of the country's emerging and fastest-growing sectors. That's

creating a demand for skilled workers in a wide variety of fields. There are jobs available in nuclear and renewable energy, forestry, mining and critical minerals, electric vehicle design and energy storage, green buildings and carbon management, to list just a few.

2. There are high-quality jobs available. One thing you may not know about working in the energy and natural resource sector is that it often pays well. Many of those jobs also offer protection and support that help employees stay secure and succeed at work

— such as transportation support, mental health services, health benefits, pension plans and more.

3. Many of the jobs are within reach. Many of the job and career opportunities in Canada's low-carbon energy, natural resource, construction, manufacturing and transportation sectors require only light upskilling or retraining from your current credentials. Many roles don't demand extensive technical expertise, and let you leverage many transferable skills, such as project and logistics management, digital

literacy and problem-solving. There are also numerous opportunities for those with a trades background. For example, HVAC technicians can shift to working with heat pumps through short, targeted training that builds on the skills they already use daily.

4. You can make a difference. Building a career is also about being proud of your work. Being part of advancing Canada's environmental objectives means putting your labour toward building a better future for yourself and your community.

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Alberta RCMP strengthening response to organized crime with \$2-million provincial investment

RCMP Release

The Alberta RCMP is enhancing its ability to combat organized crime and gang activity across the province, supported by a \$2 million investment from the Government of Alberta. This targeted funding will equip the Alberta RCMP with modern investigative tools and specialized resources, including advanced surveillance technology, intelligence capabilities,

and digital forensic equipment to tackle increasingly complex criminal networks.

"This funding represents a significant investment in strengthening Alberta's response to organized crime and gang activity," said Deputy Commissioner Trevor Daroux, Commanding Officer of the Alberta RCMP. "It allows us, across agencies and jurisdictions, to respond in a more coordinated, modern, and effective way."

The Alberta RCMP has allocated part of the funding to establish its new Rural Organized Crime Team (ROCT), a mobile unit made of a core group of officers focused on gang activity and violence linked to drug and firearm offences. The team deploys to communities experiencing highest levels of crime, using data-driven intelligence to identify and target priority offenders causing the greatest harm. While

this new unit has a specific mandate, it will not operate alone. This team will be reinforced by the RCMP's unique network of specialized units and resources to investigate, disrupt, and dismantle organized criminal activity. The Alberta RCMP will also continue working closely with municipal police partners, provincial agencies, and community stakeholders to strengthen enforcement efforts

across jurisdictions.

"There is no place for organized crime in our communities, our province, or our country," said Deputy Commissioner Daroux. "The Alberta RCMP is committed to working collaboratively with our policing partners and provincial leaders to disrupt and dismantle crime networks wherever they operate. Together, we are making Alberta stronger and safer for everyone."

The Government of Alberta's investment is part of a broader, \$8 million public safety initiative to equip law enforcement agencies across the province with the tools and coordination needed to address organized crime effectively. In 2025, there were 490 shootings across Alberta with one third resulting in serious injury or death. The most prolific firearm-related offenders are organized crime groups.

RISE students lend a hand at Sturgeon County Kennels



By Haylee Winger

Students from the Respectful Inclusive Supported Education (RISE) program recently combined creativity, teamwork and community service during a special project at Sturgeon County Kennels.

The Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools program serves junior and senior high school students through individualized learning opportunities that emphasize life skills, independence and



community involvement. Those values were on full display as 34 students visited the kennel to paint doghouses used by rescue dogs.

The project transformed the doghouses into colourful additions to the facility's play and rest

areas while providing students with an opportunity to express their creativity and make a meaningful contribution to the community.

"Being able to see all 34 of the students come together to paint our doghouses meant the world

to us," said Ashleigh Ethier of Sturgeon County Kennels. "Not only does our staff appreciate the hard work, our dogs now have a more colourful play area and nap spot."

Ethier said the kennel wanted to create an environment



where students could be themselves while showcasing their artistic talents.

"We wanted to give the RISE program a place to be themselves and a creative outlet to express themselves," she said. "The whole day was memorable,

but one of the most memorable moments was seeing how proud the students were when they stepped back and looked at their artwork."

In addition to painting the doghouses, students had

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Over the years, she became known for her unwavering commitment, positive attitude, and welcoming presence.

Speakers throughout the afternoon shared memories of her contributions to the organization, describing her as someone who was always willing to lend a hand and support fellow members. Many recalled her pride in wearing her uniform and the dedication she brought to her role as Sergeant-at-Arms.

In that position, Molloy helped prepare meeting spaces, welcomed members and guests, and ensured meetings ran smoothly and respectfully. Fellow auxiliary members noted that her reliability and friendly nature helped create a warm atmosphere that made everyone feel welcome.

Her commitment to service extended far beyond the Ladies Auxiliary. Guests from Devon and the St. Albert Catholic Women's League joined the celebration to honour her many years of volunteer work within their communities.

In 2009, Molloy was nominated for Alberta's Minister's Seniors Service Award for Central Alberta in recognition of her volunteer efforts, including visiting seniors through the Devon Legion Ladies Auxiliary. She also served on the board of the Pioneer 73 Seniors Club, further demonstrating her dedication to helping others.

The room was decorated with congratulatory messages and certificates from dignitaries including the King, the Prime Minister of Canada, the Pope, and the Governor General of Canada, reflecting the significance of reaching such an

extraordinary milestone.

Adding a historical touch to the festivities, organizers prepared a special "Birthday Edition" highlighting life in May 1926, the month and year of Molloy's birth. Guests learned about notable events of the era, popular songs and films, everyday prices, and the inventions that shaped the decade. A companion presentation looked ahead to 2026, comparing life today with that of a century ago and highlighting the many technological and social changes that have occurred during Molloy's lifetime.

Family remained at the heart of the celebration. Among those attending were her daughter, Margo, and her family, as well as her son, Derek, and his family.

Born in 1926, Molloy has witnessed a century of change. She married Vincent Molloy in September 1957, and together they built a life that took them from Alberta to Newfoundland and back again. After moving to Fort McMurray in 1979, the couple later settled in Branch, Newfoundland, following Vincent's retirement. They returned to Alberta in 1997 and made their home in Devon. Vincent passed away in June 2000.

As guests gathered to celebrate her milestone birthday, one theme remained constant throughout the day: gratitude. Whether through her service to the Ladies Auxiliary, her volunteer work with seniors, or the kindness she showed to those around her, Molloy has left a lasting impact on her community.

Her 100th birthday served not only as a celebration of longevity, but as a tribute to a lifetime of service, friendship, and dedication to others.

**Métis educator**Continued from **page 1**

champion Métis jig and square dancer, cultural educator, performer and motivational speaker, who shared Métis traditions while encouraging students to embrace personal growth, resilience and self-discovery.

Gladue is known for bringing Métis culture to schools and communities through a combination of dance, storytelling and education. His presentations aim to celebrate Métis traditions while encouraging youth to develop confidence, perseverance and pride in who they are.

"I hope that they understand that nothing in life is easy. It's the work you put into things where you find gratitude and discover who you truly are as a person,"

Gladue said following his visit to MCHS.

The presentation featured live Métis jigging and dance demonstrations, giving students an opportunity to experience Métis culture firsthand. Some students also joined Gladue on the gym floor to learn a few dance steps themselves. Beyond showcasing traditional dance, Gladue's presentation encouraged students to embrace challenges, learn from their experiences and continue striving to become the best version of themselves.

Prior to the event, the school encouraged students to wear ribbon skirts and ribbon shirts in recognition of their cultural significance and as a gesture of respect and allyship.

Indigenous Peoples Month, which celebrates the cultures, traditions and contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples across Canada.

By bringing Indigenous educators and performers into the school, MCHS provides students with opportunities to learn about Indigenous cultures through direct experiences and meaningful conversations.

Through his combination of dance, cultural education and motivational speaking, Gladue encourages young people to build confidence in themselves while developing a greater appreciation for Métis culture and traditions.

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the opportunity to meet some of the kennel's rescue dogs and learn about responsible interactions with animals, including respecting a dog's personal space and recognizing signs that a dog may need a break from a situation. "These students were already so knowledgeable on community involvement, as their program takes a lot of pride in participating in their community," said Ethier.

The event was months in the making, with kennel staff preparing the doghouses, gathering supplies and coordinating the details needed to welcome the students. Preparations included priming each doghouse and assembling the materials required for the activity.

Morinville Home Hardware partnered with Sturgeon County Kennels by supplying the paint and primer used during the project.

"We want to thank them so much for their part in our

event," said Ethier. For the kennel, the project reflected the importance of community partnerships and giving back.

"Community partnerships and involvement are a huge part of what we do here at the kennel," said Ethier. "All of our staff come from different backgrounds and bring different skills and connections to the table. Every idea is valued here, and when an opportunity to involve our community is presented, we always take it."

Ethier added that support from the community plays a vital role in the kennel's success.

"In our eyes, we would not be able to operate without the community around us, so whenever we have an opportunity to give back, we will always try," she said.

The colourful artwork has already made a noticeable difference around the facility.

"Our staff is truly amazed by all of the paintings and it has really brightened up our play yards for

our rescue dogs," said Ethier. "Having a pop of colour around the kennel definitely boosts everyone's morale and engages the dogs."

The success of the project has also sparked discussions about future collaborations.

"We would love to work with the RISE program again in the future," said Ethier. "There has been some talk about making this event an annual

activity."

The project provided students with a hands-on opportunity to give back to the community while leaving a lasting impact on the kennel, its staff and the rescue dogs in its care. For many involved, the brightly painted doghouses will serve as a lasting reminder of what can be accomplished when creativity, inclusion and community spirit come together.

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UPDATED BON ACCORD BUNGALOW WITH DOUBLE GARAGE




Pride of ownership shines in this FULLY UPDATED bungalow! This 5br3ba home offers 3 bedrooms upstairs, including a primary bedroom with a 2-piece ensuite, plus a 4-piece main bath featuring an AIR JET JACUZZI tub. The dine-in kitchen includes CEILING HEIGHT CABINETS, while the east-facing living room welcomes bright morning light. The finished basement has a large family room, laundry and storage, 2 additional bedrooms, and an updated 3-piece bathroom. Enjoy HEATED FLOORS in both bathrooms, AIR CONDITIONING, and INSTANT HOT WATER. Outside, relax or entertain on the impressive 20'x18' COVERED DECK with BUILT-IN BBQ, roll-down sun screen, sunken hot tub, and a WALL FOUNTAIN! A detached double garage, large parking pad, and back lane access add extra space for vehicles and toys. Located across the street from a playground, this home is ideal for families and entertaining alike. Too many upgrades to list - come see what this home has to offer! **\$450,000. Call Glenn to view.**

3 ACRES TO BUILD ON NORTH OF BON ACCORD




This beautiful rolling 3 acres is perfect for building a house with a walkout basement. Two pretty lots each with separate title are being sold together. There is a nice row of mature planted trees down the middle of the two lots and a few patches of mature, native trees on each lot. Each lot has \$1700 prepaid with Coronado Gas Coop to go towards installation of natural gas. These two lots are at the end of the cul-de-sac so have lots of room for parking. They are bordered on the east by pasture land and on the north by park reserve land. Sellers have received permission in the past from the County to pasture horses on the 3 acre reserve land which would give you a total of 6 acres to use (New owners to confirm with County). Located in Brookhollow Estates, right on paved Lily Lake Road, less than 1/2 hour to Edmonton, near Bon Accord. Great for families wishing to live close to each other. You could each buy one lot and live side by side. **\$139,000. Call Heather for more info**

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY



This 119.23 acres is only minutes from Edmonton, SE of Spruce Grove. Great possibility of future acreage development. There is already an acreage subdivision on the north border of this property. Located on pavement. Currently being used as farmland with some treed areas and two dugouts. Build your dream home and develop the rest. Great holding property that you can rent out while you watch your investment grow. Currently zoned agricultural with low taxes. **Asking \$2,800,000. Call Glenn for more information.**

74 ACRES OF LAND




74 Acres of land bordered by the Hamlet of Radway and Highway 28, less than an hour to Edmonton. Approx 25 acres of this land is high while the rest is wetland. May be able to have it rezoned to agricultural or country residential and use as pasture land or get a few acres of grain land with the possibility of building a house on the high land at south end. Creek runs through the property. Was pasture land at one time but old fence is in poor condition. Possibly use as a weekend getaway and go fishing at the Radway Fish Pond next door. Seller had trees cleared on some of it a few years ago but some have started to grow back. **\$120,000. Call Heather to view.**

11.21 ACRES TO BUILD ON



Perfect spot to build your dream home and lay out your new yardsite. Cultivated land, seeded to oats, just waiting for you to develop to your. Great location, just 2 miles north and 1 mile east of the Hamlet of Thorhild, with only 1 mile of gravel road. Power runs along the south property line. There are natural mature windbreaks on both the northwest and east property lines and the land is open to the road on the south side. Good productive land so it won't take long to landscape to your liking. Enough land here for a few horses, cows, chickens or goats. Start your hobby farm, have a garden, greenhouse or store your toys. Good high land with only one small low spot in the northeast corner. **\$99,000 Call Heather to view.**

AFFORDABLE 3 BEDROOM HOME IN NEWBROOK




This double wide modular home had many renovations in the early 2000s including new kitchen cabinets, flooring, and bathroom renovations. Currently there is a large corner shower in the 3 pce bathroom but there is room to install a tub. Features include a large living room with formal dining room, good size storage area at back entrance where washer and dryer are. Lots of room in the back for a future garage if wanted. Complete with all appliances (washer, dryer and fridge are only a year or so old. No lot rental as you own the lot. **\$125,000. Call Heather to view.**

AUTO SHOP IN VILNA



Great opportunity to open your own automotive shop with a 45'x35' building all set up complete with all the tools you will need. Shop is heated with bathroom and laundry facilities. Several smaller storage sheds, seacan and 1 bdrm, 2 bathroom mobile home also included. Owner ran a very successful business here for many years but has now retired. **\$200,000 plus gst. Call Heather for more info.**

YOUR DREAM BUILD AWAITS!



1.52 Acres of sloped land in the Hillsborough subdivision! Great opportunity to build a beautiful walk out home, with mature trees at the back of the property offering privacy from the neighbors. ON PAVEMENT all the way to Hwy 28, 10 mins from Gibbons and 30 mins from Edmonton. **\$180,000. Call Glenn for more info.**

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