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Bring on the Woodchuckers



A big toss. See story page 5.

Two young entrepreneurs make a splash at the farmer's market with their company, Sister's Sweets

By Serena Lapointe

Each week, through spring, summer and fall, the Whitecourt Farmer's Market brings the community together on Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to shop from local artisans. From vegetables to

art to breads and preserves, there is always something new to see and try.

Last week, Sister's Sweets joined the fray of small businesses filling the floorspace inside the Whitecourt Legion. It was the first

market attendance for the company and its young entrepreneurs. Eleven-year-old Sierra Bergeron and her younger sister Avery, 9, are the creators behind Sister's Sweets and the

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Sierra and Avery Bergeron of Sister's Sweets.



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Making their first cookie sale.



A table full of treats.

Two local youngsters recently joined the Whitecourt Farmer's Market, selling delicious homemade sweets. Sierra and her little sister Avery baked up an impressive 300 cookies and brought their smiles and professionalism along with the treats.

bakers of several hundred cookies perfectly packaged and ready to sell.

With Sierra's signed Certificate of Completion of the Alberta Food Safety Basics for Farmer's Markets course proudly displayed on their pink tablecloth and four delicious varieties of cookies on display, the girls were all smiles just after 11 a.m. as the bell sounded to open the market.

"I'm a little nervous, but just a little bit," said Avery. "I'm actually more excited than scared or nervous," smiled Sierra. Seconds later, a woman walked up and became their first customer. Like professionals, the young ladies provided change and handed over a package of cookies

as their mom, Cheryl Hudson, watched from a distance. The girls looked excited to get their first sale, with big glowing smiles on their faces. For their mom, watching her girls succeed at a project they worked so hard for was emotional.

"I am so proud. I'm actually an entrepreneur myself. I own a bookkeeping business here in town, so seeing my children doing this sparks a lot of emotion for me. I'm also proud they put it together so quickly in one day. They worked a full eight-hour day yesterday doing all this baking. I'm really impressed," smiled Hudson. "I think when you are doing anything like that, you go through ups and downs, especially as a team and especially as sisters. I watched them work through a couple of heated moments, and I'm just really proud that they pulled it all together and are here doing this today."

The girls had returned from a week-long camping trip on Sunday, leaving themselves one day to prepare for the market, and they nailed it. "We have about 300 cookies to sell. We baked them with my grandma because my mom was at work. We have Chocolate chip, oatmeal raisin, monster cookies and peanut butter," explained Sierra. "There's also these other monster cookies that were

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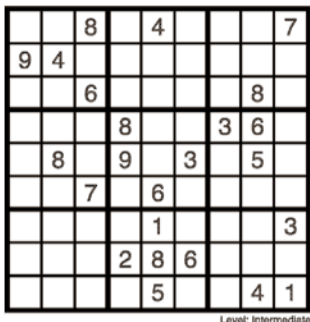
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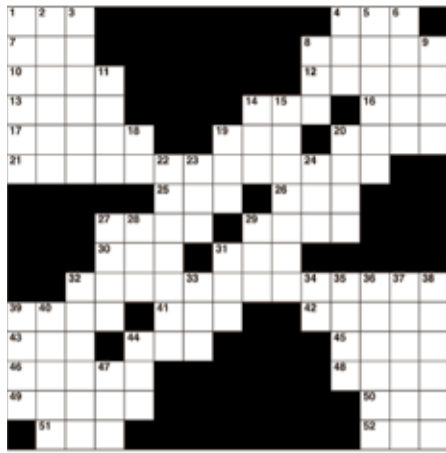
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Fun By The Numbers

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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!

Crossword Clues

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Second sight
- 4. Standard electrode potential
- 7. Type of gibbon
- 8. John Joseph __: American industrialist
- 10. Manning and Whitney are two
- 12. Abrupt
- 13. Baroque musical instrument
- 14. Post-burning residue
- 16. When you hope to arrive
- 17. Sign up (Brit. Eng.)
- 19. Sun up in New York
- 20. Employee stock ownership plan
- 21. Where people live
- 25. Method to record an electrogram
- 26. Angry
- 27. No longer living
- 29. Simple
- 30. Swiss river
- 31. Portion of a play
- 32. It's under the tree
- 39. Wood sorrels

- 41. No (Scottish)
- 42. Dialect of English
- 43. Former Steelers' QB
- 44. Popular beer
- 45. It can make you sick
- 46. Tropical tree and fruit
- 48. Company officer
- 49. Contact lens term
- 50. Your consciousness of your own identity
- 51. "Ghetto Superstar" singer

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Number of players on each side in a football game
- 2. Containing salt
- 3. Reasoning or knowledge: a __
- 4. Car mechanics group
- 5. Leave a place
- 6. Southern Colombian capital
- 8. Old English letter
- 9. Tide
- 11. Walk heavily
- 14. Chemical compound

- (abbr.)
- 15. Artificial openings
- 18. Luteinizing hormone
- 19. Unit of energy
- 20. Circular movement of water
- 22. A way of holding
- 23. Popular book of words (abbr.)
- 24. States' group
- 27. Dashes
- 28. Body part
- 29. Electronic countermeasures
- 31. Consumed
- 32. Small bird
- 33. Unhappy
- 34. Football's big game (abbr.)
- 35. Valued object offered in good faith
- 36. Wild goats
- 37. Precede in place
- 38. Small edible fish
- 39. Notice of death
- 40. Body cavity of a metazoan
- 44. Partner to cheese
- 47. Not around

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

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- APPLY
- ATMOSPHERE
- ATTIRE
- BENEFITS
- COMPANY
- COVER LETTER
- EMPLOYMENT
- EXPERIENCE
- FOLLOW-UP
- INTERVIEW
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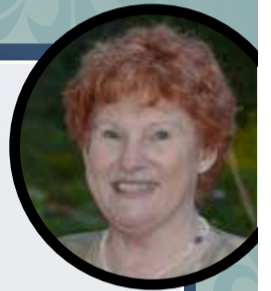
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SCHUTTE, Sheila



On Saturday, August 26, 2023, Sheila Schutte of Whitecourt, AB peacefully passed away at home, at the age of 69 years.

Sheila will be lovingly remembered by her husband of 47 years, Ralph; daughters, Leah (Stephen Paish) of Borden, ON and Erica of Whitecourt, AB; grandchildren, Victoria, Alexander, and Margaret Paish; brothers, Joseph (Shirley) Forward, Gregory (Rita) Penney, Ted (Mary) Penney, and Don Penney; sister, Frances (Ken) Kelly; sister-in-law, Patricia Penney; and many more dear family and friends.

Predeceased by infant granddaughter, Evelyn; parents, Gregory and Bridget; brother, David; sister, Angela (Doug) Pettipas.

Thank you to the staff of Whitecourt Home Care for the dedicated, compassionate care shown to Sheila and the family.

Sheila will be best remembered for her vibrant joy of life, always selflessly helping others, and creating friendships with all whom she met.

A Funeral Liturgy will be held Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Parish, 5538 Mink Creek Road, Whitecourt, with Reverend Father Mario Jubinville officiating.

In lieu of other tributes, donations may be made to the Alzheimer Society of Alberta and the Northwest Territories, www.alzheimer.ca/ab/en.

Photos, memories and condolences may be shared through www.parkmemorial.com



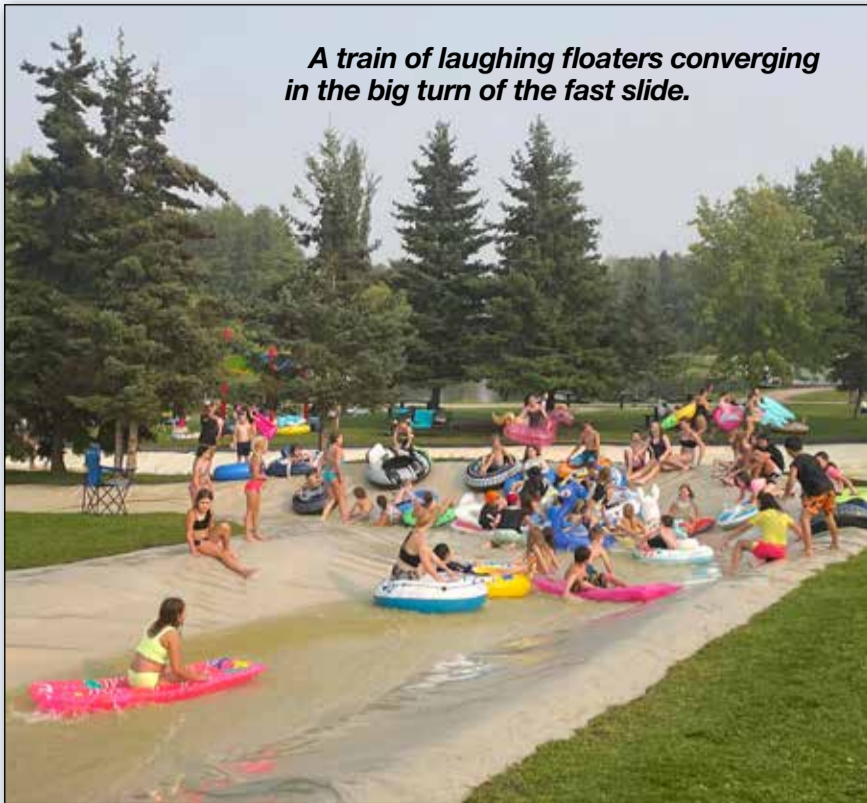
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A train of laughing floaters converging in the big turn of the fast slide.



A small train about to be ambushed.

A large group of children were living their best lives last week at the river slides at Festival Park. Hot weather in the forecast and school not yet in session combined for a busy park Monday through Wednesday. With temperatures soaring within a couple of degrees of 30, families used the water features to escape the heat. What began as a small group of floaters going down the fast slide together grew and grew until it reached nearly half the length of the slide and almost all the children there. Older kids kept an eye on those who didn't want to join the train, ensuring they could slide before the train began its descent. Laughter could be heard from top to bottom as they landed at the bottom and raced back up to the top to do it again. Eventually, a big chunk of the kids decided to wait in the big turn and slide down the side, joining the train as it passed. Parents watched from the sidelines, chuckling, perhaps a bit jealous that they weren't in the mix too.

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FAMILY FARM EQ: JD 4440 tractor w 7661 hr, cab, 20.8 x 38 duals, JD 158 loader, bucket, bale forks * 20' IHC 490 hyd wing disk w 21" disc * 23' interceptor HD DT cult w applicator plumbing * 50' allied 15 D harrow bar * 66' inland field sprayer w 2 axle, plastic tank * AC gleamer L2 combine w cab, 10.5' pickups, SC * 1974 chev C65 truck w 366 V8, 5 and 2 trans, 10:00 X 20 tires, hoist, 16' x 4' hi wood box, roll tarp, st racks, hyd drill fill, (38,000 mi) * JD moisture tester

MORE FARM ITEMS: 1952 chev 1500 grain truck w (56,000 mi), hoist, 13' box, duals, good * 35 x 7 SAS auger w 12 hp * 21 x 6 auger w eltc motor * bin augers - 6, 7, 10 ft * vermeer 605C rmd baler * McCormick SD rake * RT wagon * HM 10 bale stooker * 7 D harrows * 58' sprayer w 2 axles * tires (2 of 18.4 x 30)(20.8 x 38)(6 of 900 x 20) * 3 of 500 fuel tanks on pipe stands * 4' CF packer * JD 3 x 14 plow * bag alfalfa seed * crop chemicals, oils, grease, filters, foamer tank w pump


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YARD & SHOP: Ride mowers (JD 155 C W 25hp, 48 deck, bagger)(JD 180), yard tools, cement mixer, 5hp banjo pump & hose, chain boomers, stihl (F581 weed eater)(MS 361 chain saw), 2 pres washers, tire changer, 5T jack stands, lincoln 180 welder, power & hand tools, router & att, oxy acetelyne set


RECREATION: 15' x 42" hi intex kids pool, chibi 50 cc/3 spd mini bike, 1970 2011 snow cruiser, picnic table, 9.5' frontier truck camper, wine making items, cadence tread mill, camping eq/stoves/lanterns

FAMILY PIONEER COLLECTABLES: RR sign, nice 1950's red/grey chrome table & 4 chairs, popular mechanic books/series, 4 gl crock, maytag wringer washer, dble wash tubs, milking machines, cream separators, cream cans, 10 wood egg crates, empire coal/wood stove, hardware & platform scale, 10 @ 20 burlap bags, horse drawn sickle/potato hiller/harness, wood crib, many more antique items and memories


HOUSEHOLD: Deep freeze, 60 quart sealers, meat saws, meat grinders, 20 gl crock, samsung eltc dryer, chrome table & swivel chairs, cloth couch/chair, 2 strollers, 5 wall pictures, wall clock, recharge vacuum, lamps, furniture and more




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Nomination packages are available at the Living Waters Board Office or online at the following link:
[Trustee Nomination Package](#)

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Notice of Nomination Day
Local Authorities Election Act (Section 26)

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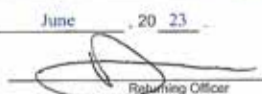
Notice is hereby given that Nomination Day is September 25, 2023 and that nominations for the election of candidates for the following offices will be received at the location of the local jurisdiction office set out below within the period beginning on June 28, 2023 and ending at 12:00 noon on Nomination Day.

Office(s)	Number of Vacancies	Ward or Electoral Division Number (If Applicable)
School Board Trustee - Whitecourt	2	Ward 3

Location (Address) of Local Jurisdiction Office:

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Bring on the Woodchuckers

By Serena Lapointe

There's a new sport in town. The Whitecourt Cornhole League held its first public event on Wednesday last week at Festival Park, just beyond the parking lot in front of the playground. The event was a precursor to the league and was meant to put the game in the public eye, drum

up interest and invite people out to give it a whirl. After participating in a league in Stoney Plain, Woody Jordan, the league's president, said he knew there needed to be a league in Whitecourt. "I think it was long overdue," said Jordan. After playing out of town for a few months, he brought

a friend to check it out. "I brought my friend Chad (St. Amand), and he liked it too. We decided to start up the league here." Jordan explained that when they came up with their name, the Whitecourt Cornhole League, they also wanted a unique title to go along with it. "Tyler Caddey came up with

it. We were snowballing ideas. We thought about the Whitecourt Cornhole League, but then we said we wanted to have a name with it too, so he came up with the Woodchuckers. We didn't come up with anything else, so we ran with that." Their mascot, Chuck, as seen on their logo and boards, came from

a connection to Canfor, which Jordan said he's pretty happy about. Jordan and St. Amand recently applied for and were approved for a chunk of the 2023 Enhanced Grant funding provided by the Town of Whitecourt. They graciously accepted a check for \$3,797 to help them purchase boards and bags for the league. They also received support from Candor (\$750) and JT Enterprises (\$500).

The event on Wednesday was just the beginning. "It was a social event to get people out and put word out that we are setting up a league," said Jordan. "Anyone who showed up, we got them to sign up for the Scoreholio app, so we don't have to do that on the first night of the league." The Scoreholio app simplifies tournaments and gameplay by al-

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Whitecourt's newest sports league begins this month. The Whitecourt Cornhole League, aka the Woodchuckers, will kick off its inaugural season on Tuesday, September 19. Anyone over 18 can join, and organizers hope for a big turnout.

CYZU AIRPORT VICINITY PROTECTION PLAN

The County has retained HM Aero Aviation Consulting and ISL Engineering and Land Services to conduct a study to explore protection measures to ensure the safe and sustainable growth of the CYZU Airport through the development of an Airport Vicinity Protection Plan. Based on the study findings, a set of draft recommendations have been developed, and now the County is seeking public feedback to help refine the plan for future consideration by Council.

You're invited to share your feedback at the upcoming open house on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the CYZU Airport Maintenance Garage (adjacent to the terminal building).

Can't attend the open house? Share your thoughts online!

Take the online survey, between September 11 to 26, 2023 by visiting <https://woodlands.ab.ca/public-consultation>

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NOTICE OF DECISION APPLICATION 15-049-2023
Location: PT NE 5-59-12-W5M Lot 4 Block 1 Plan 122-0152
Proposed Development: Accessory Building: For Storage
Decision Date: August 30, 2023
Appeal Deadline: September 20, 2023

NOTICE OF DECISION APPLICATION 15-051-2023
Location: PT NE 30-59-12-W5M Lot 2 Block 2 Plan 142-4321
Proposed Development: Existing Building: Mechanic Shop & Business Office
Decision Date: August 30, 2023
Appeal Deadline: September 20, 2023

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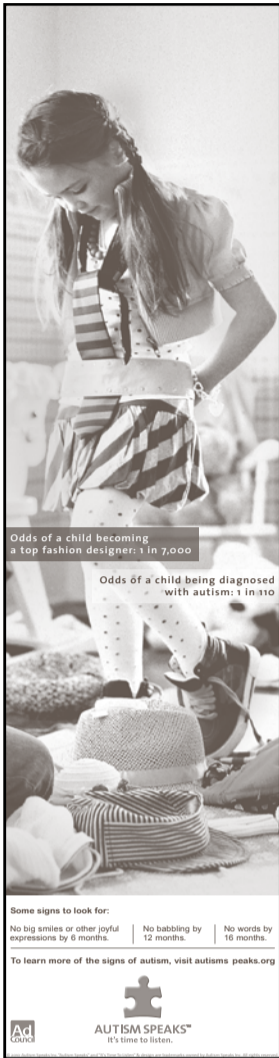
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High	15°C	18°C	21°C	21°C	19°C
Low	7°C	6°C	8°C	8°C	7°C
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Most businesses optimistic about their outlook

By ATB Financial's Economics & Research Team

According to new numbers from Statistics Canada, two-thirds of businesses in Alberta (66.3%) are either very optimistic (21.1%) or somewhat optimistic (45.1%) about their future outlook over the next 12 months.* This is down from the second quarter (72.5%), and slightly higher than the first quarter of the year (64.2%). The same percentage of Canadian businesses were in the "very or somewhat optimistic" category in the third quarter.

Alberta's share of businesses in the very pessimistic category fell from 5.4% to 3.1% between the second and third quarter in Alber-

ta, while it increased nationally from 2.9% to 4.2%. Alberta businesses not knowing what to expect rose from 13.2% to 17.0%.

The industry with the highest proportion of Alberta businesses feeling optimistic in the third quarter was arts, entertainment and recreation (89.5%), while large businesses or organizations (with 100 or more employees) reported the highest rate of optimism at 89%.

The survey also looks at obstacles to growth in the next three months. The top obstacles in Alberta cited were rising inflation (58.7% of businesses), rising input costs (44.5%) and rising interest rates and debt costs (41.4%). The

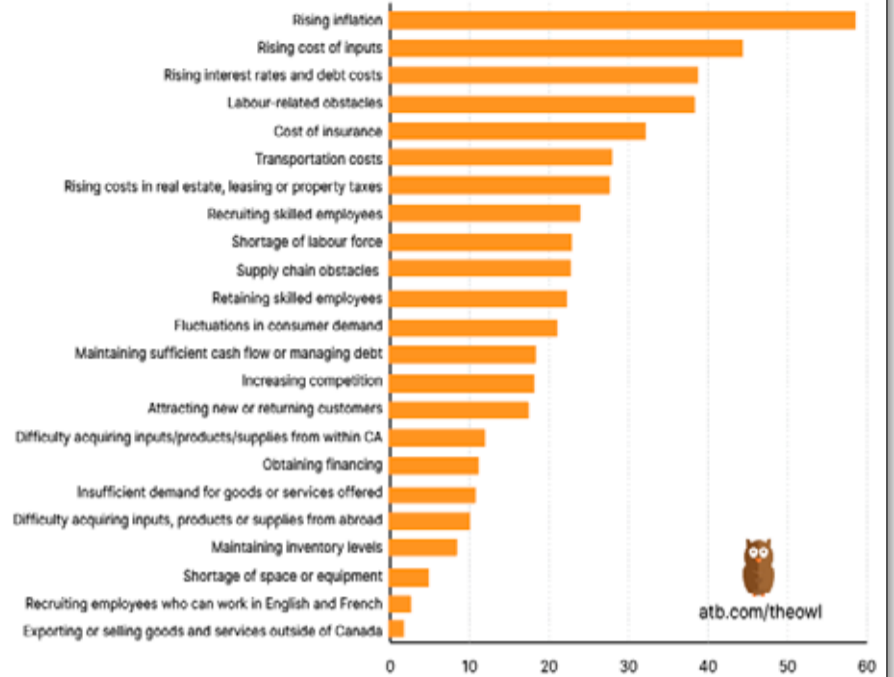
story was similar nationally.

The Canadian Federation of Independent Businesses (CFIB) also surveys businesses on the outlook each month. Their latest survey in July showed that 58.8% of CFIB members in Alberta expected their business performance to improve over the next 12 months, compared to 54.2% nationally.

*The Canadian Survey on Business Conditions collects information on the environment businesses are currently operating in and their expectations moving forward. The most recent survey was conducted from July 4 to August 8, 2023.

Obstacles over the next three months

2023 Q3, % of Alberta businesses



Source: Statistics Canada Table 33-10-0689-01

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Monday, September 25 at 4:00 p.m.
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Community members that are unable to attend the Public Input session are encouraged to submit written comments to the following address by 12:00 noon on Wednesday, September 20:

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Verbal comments will also be accepted during business hours by Tara Gallant, Legislative Manager, at 780-778-2273. Comments must be made by Wednesday, September 20 in order to be summarized for Council for the September 25 Regular Meeting.

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NOTICE OF DECISION

The following decision was made by the Municipal Planning Commission:

Application 23-085: 3732 Kepler Street – Third approach and variance to reduce separation distance between approach and intersection – Approved with conditions.

Date of Decisions: August 24, 2023 **Appeal Closes at 4:00pm:** September 14, 2023

An Appeal of the above decision(s) may be made by submitting a written appeal and appeal fee (\$300) to the Office of the Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board, Town of Whitecourt Administration Building, Box 509, Whitecourt, Alberta, T7S 1N6 prior to 4:00pm on the above noted date. Any person(s) affected by the said proposal(s), has the right to appeal prior to the above date.

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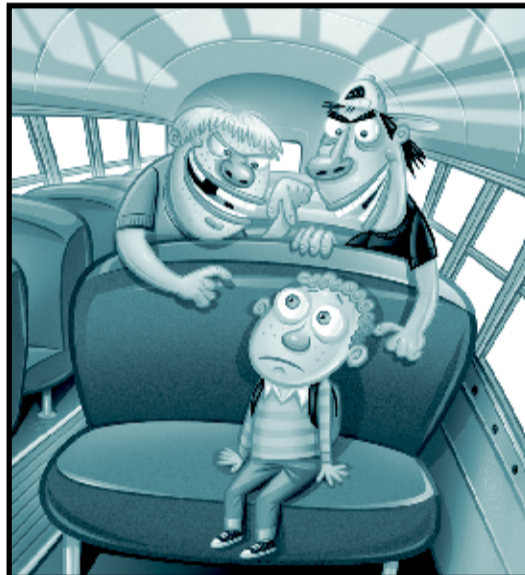


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League action will kickstart on Tuesday, September 19, at 7 p.m., running as a drop-in-type sport. Players will pay \$10/per person/night or pay for each season in full (\$100) up front. Each season will run for twelve weeks. “We are going to do a fall season, and then we will switch into a winter season, starting in January. The fall season will run from September 19 to about December 19.”

With their funding, the Whitecourt Cornhole League will have six pairs of boards when play begins. They had three pairs of boards at Festival Park on Wednesday. “If the interest is booming and we think we need more, we are pretty sure we have space to put eight, if not nine, in there. But, we have no problem doing 40 players a night on six boards,” said Jordan.


He said the more, the merrier when it comes to the size of the league. “We have about twelve people in the league, and that’s before even opening up registration. I had a buddy of mine text me, and he said he’s got ten, maybe fifteen people that will probably sign up. It’s growing. We are getting messages almost daily saying they want the registration info. It’s going to grow quickly,” said Jordan.

One of his favourite things about cornhole is the wide range of ages that can play it. “The league I played in, there were people anywhere from 20-year-olds to almost eighty years old. The nice thing about the app was that it paired you up with a random partner every game, so it was really social, and you weren’t going there just to play with your buddy. You got to meet a lot more people. It was astonishing. I was partnered with a guy on the first week of the season, and he didn’t put a bag on the board the whole game. Then, in the last week of the season, he scored ten points in one round. A little bit of consistency that you can build from playing once a week, it’s amazing.”

The league will be for ages 18 plus, but Jordan said, depending on interest, he would be open to building a youth league. He said he would need help to do it, and they would likely need a different facility, one that hopefully wouldn’t charge, as a youth league wouldn’t bring in the same revenue to cover rental fees.

Jordan said he is excited to start the season and hopes to see many people out on Tuesday, September 19, at St. Joseph’s Church Hall. “Don’t be intimidated. It’s a lot easier than it looks. You’ll miss the board your first few times, but you’ll figure it out. It’s about having fun.”

Those interested in supporting the league can contact them on their Facebook page, Whitecourt Cornhole League. Jordan said they are seeking monthly sponsorships of \$500 to cover rental fees in exchange for advertising on the winner’s board. The league is also seeking out their liquor license. “There are things in the works,” smiled Jordan.



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messed up. They are big, thin and crunchy, so we named them Well Done, Dad," she added with a chuckle.

This wasn't the first time the girls had dabbled into something entrepreneurial. Sierra explained that they had run a lemonade stand in front of their home before but added that the farmer's market was much better. "There are way more people, and it's a lot more business-like. It's better. It's cool. I like it better than being outside." Before the market, they sat down and made a plan. "It's important to do that," said Sierra. "If you don't make a plan, it could definitely go very wrong."

Avery said she learned a lot through the process. "When we were doing this, we both had some times where we were like, I don't think this is going to work, and I don't think we are going to get done, or we won't have enough cookies, and we sell out, and then we have to sit here without cookies, but here we are," said Avery with a big smile.

For Sierra and Avery, learning about running a business through hands-on experience will be invaluable as they grow up. Their mom, Cheryl, hopes they keep the side project going. "I'm defi-

nately going to push them in that direction and support them. I'm so proud of them."

Joanne Thompson, Whitecourt Farmer's Market President, agreed. "This is really cool. The fact that they are so young and thought of doing this together is amazing. They are young entrepreneurs, and they've done a great job." She encourages parents with kids with ideas about something they want to sell to reach out. "If you want to do something spectacular, join us for the market. Make it, bake it, or grow it. You can come down."

For Sierra and Avery, the sky really is the limit. "We want to do it again. Next year, we could even be selling cupcakes!" Her big sister said she wants to get into something even more significant. "We could also do cakes, but maybe something more individual, like slices." They said they might even offer gluten-free options someday soon.

Next time you visit the Whitecourt Farmer's Market at the Whitecourt Legion on a Tuesday, watch for Sister's Sweets, and say hello to Sierra and Avery, two of Whitecourt's youngest entrepreneurs. To learn how to join the Tuesday farmer's market, join the Whitecourt and Area Farmers' Market Facebook page.



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- Establish work schedules and procedures
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