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# Remembrance Day in Whitecourt, sombre and beautiful



Remembrance Day in Whitecourt looked a bit different this year. Veterans, servicemen and women, and community members came together at the AJMC for a morning of song, prayer, and honour. A large crowd gathered to remember those who fought, those who continue to fight, and those who gave their all for their country.

#### By Serena Lapointe

This year's Remembrance Day ceremony saw a venue change from Central School's gymnasium to the fieldhouse at the Allan & Jean Millar Centre. With construction continuing at the school, organizers had to change things up, using the ample space up at the AJMC instead.

One big part of the yearly event that also changed was the march. Since the ceremony was no longer downtown, this year's parade had members walking from the pool changeroom area of the AJMC to the fieldhouse. Though short, the entrance, led by the wailing bagpipes of Landis Vandermeer, was still impactful as veterans and members from the RCMP, Whitecourt Fire Department, Canadian Forces, and Cadets marched in together. Led by Pastor Emma Guenter, the ceremony began at 10:30. The large group of attendees sang

O' Canada and then listened to a scripture reading and prayer. Pastor Guenter read last year's winning poem from the Whitecourt Legion's poster/literacy contest, titled Long Live the Memory. Stephanie Cunningham was the winner, a grade 10 student from Hilltop High School. "We must remember all that they fought, sacrificed one in life for our freedom, our which peace-strain and agowe ny they had to endure as rememthey watched more of the ber the many who soldiers decrease. But I was not there on the batsacrificed for tlefield. I did not witness us, fought for the suffering or cries. us and died The fire of their bullets for us. Today that would not yield of also one is the terrible cloudy tearto gassed skies. Rememberber those who continue to sacing their name and their story, their mighty acts rifice and serve of heroism survive. Live Canada. This includes the service with the memory of their glory, be proud of their men and women choice to fight for our of our Canadian lives. Many memories in Armed our hearts and minds. We (CAF), the imlive every day with conportant families

stant reminds."

Following the poem reading, Pastor Guenter introduced Lt. Riley Huzar, who then addressed the crowd. "I would like to thank everyone today for attending the Remembrance Day service. Today is

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of those serving the armed forces and the numerous volunteers who have all

selflessly represented and upheld our country's values."

As of 2019, there was 72,000 personnel in the Canadian Military. This year, the CAF looks to add nearly 6,000 more members and recently announced they would be accepting permanent residents too. Permanent residents are citizens who have lived in Canada for ten years but do not have citizenship. This move came following low recruitment levels. "As we see from past and present world events, freedom is an invaluable piece of our existence and our everyday living. It is not something to be taken for granted. To all those I have mentioned, we thank you for your part in giving us freedom that we are still fortunate to experience," said Lt. Huzar. "Although freedom is priceless, it can come at a cost. Not only do we remember those who have bravely fallen,

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Lt. Huzar then shared

MLA Martin Long.



his personal family history. "I'm a third generation to serve in the Canadian Forces. My great-grandfather, two uncles, and my grandfather all served. Both my great-grandfather and uncle were injured, but luckily they returned home. My grandfather talked about the camaraderie and grief of WW2 and the never-ending pride for his country. When I was in high school, I also attended the Vimy Ridge ceremony in France, and it was a humbling experi-

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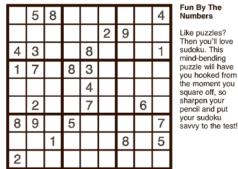


Laying a wreath on behalf of Girl Guides, Brownies and Sparks.



Air cadets pay their respects.

## SEE SOLUTIONS PAGE 10 **SUDOKU**



#### Here's How It Works:

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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 dues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

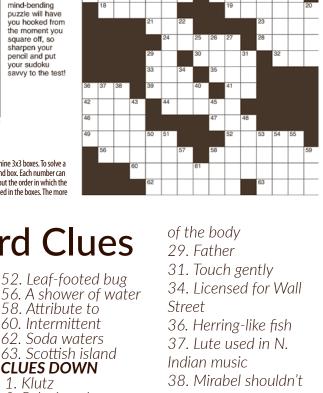
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- something
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- 14. Glazed ceramic
- ware 15. Paddling
- 18. Step
- 19. More greasy
- 21. Upper-class young
- woman
- 23. Light beige
- 24. Belief in a supreme
- being
- 28. Indigenous people
- of Scandinavia
- 29. A beloved princess
- 30. Transfer property
- 32. Field force unit
- 33. Automated teller
- 35. When you hope to
- get there 36. Sino-Soviet block
- (abbr.)
- 39. Politicians Fischer and Conroy are two
- 41. Blood type
- 42. Stringed instrument
- 44. Curses
- 46. Barbary sheep
- 47. Belonging to a
- thing 49. Supporters

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26. Witness 27. The spreading of a disease to another part



talk about him 40. Atomic #62 43. Religious 45. Silvery-white metal (abbr.) 48. Influential civil rights organization 50. Acknowledgment (abbr.) 51. Turn away 53. Kidney disease (abbr.) 54. Smooth-feeling fabric 55. Competently 57. Sea eagle 58. General's assistant (abbr.) 59. It helps you see

61. Emerging

technology





Veteran Kyle Scott and his son, Declan, placed a wreath together.

The Whitecourt Wolverines had an extra adorable fan in the stands on Friday night. Wynonna Forseille is a year and a half and is a big fan of the hometown team. The cutie pie was a big hit with those sitting in her area as she laughed and played with her mom and friends.

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ence that stays with me to this day."

He called serving in the CAF a rewarding challenge and a unique way of life. Nods could be seen in the crowd as service men and women agreed which his description.

"Many will never experience or understand (it). Words can never express the thanks we give to our veterans and our active members. What you have all done and continue to do will never be forgotten," he concluded. Trumpeter Isaiah Mat-

son performed the Last

Post, followed by a moment of silence. Landis Vandermeer then performed the Lament, followed by Matson again for the Rouse. Both did well sharing their talents with the crowd before them.

Twenty wreaths were then laid at the foot of the white wooden cross at the front of the ceremony. MP Arnold Viersen, MLA Martin Long, Whitecourt Mayor Tom Pickard and Woodlands County Reeve John Burrows each laid one, followed by Legion president Brian Scott, and members from

the Canadian Armed Forces, RCMP, Whitecourt Fire Department, Air and Army Cadets, Whitecourt & District Chamber of Commerce, Whitecourt District Ministerial and the Guides/ Brownies/Sparks. The first wreath laid was the Memorial Silver Cross

in honour of Corporal Cole Bartsch. After the wreaths were laid, the parade members stood, filtered out of their rows and made their way out of the fieldhouse. The ceremony then wrapped as guests went downtown to the Whitecourt Legion for lunch.

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## Back-and-forth matchup between Wolverines and Crusaders on Remembrance Day

The Press





The Whitecourt Wolverines honoured veterans ahead of puck drop during their game against the Sherwood Park Crusaders on Friday, November 11. The match-up was rowdy, with lots of big hits and back-and-forth scoring between the two.

By Serena Lapointe

Just over five minutes lat- Long. The Wolverines scored at the 1:11 mark of Wolverines, who finished season.

The Whitecourt Wolverines played a home game on Remembrance Day last week, welcoming the Sherwood Park Crusaders to the Scott Safety Centre. Ahead of the puck drop, the Whitecourt Wolverines invited Captain Ken Westling of the 721 Hawks Whitecourt Air Cadets squadron to read In Flanders Fields to the crowd. The 435 fans in attendance stood for the reading.

In the first period, the Crusaders potted one in first, scoring on the powerplay eight and a half minutes into the frame. er, on the powerplay following a cross-checking penalty to the Crusaders, the Whitecourt Wolverines tied things up, 1-1. In the second period, just twelve seconds in, Cooper Smyl sliced in his second of the night, with assists from Caleb Mc-Donald and Chase Broda, giving the Wolverines their first lead. Again, just over five minutes later, the Crusaders tied things up, 2-2. Three minutes and two seconds later, Chase Broda scored, collecting his third point of the game, assisted by Cooper Smyl and Aiden were back in the lead. But, keeping with the back-and-forth type of play that had happened so far, the Crusaders battled back and managed to tie things up again with fifty-one seconds left in the period.

It all came down to the third. The period saw four penalties, including a game misconduct for Wolverine Jonah Bevington after he served a blow to the head to a Crusader, leaving the player down on the ice for some time, drawing fans to the glass. Seemingly as a nod to Remembrance Day, the game's final goal was the third. The hero of the night was Cooper Smyl. He scored his hat-trick in style with a penalty shot, giving his team the lead,

style with a penalty shot, giving his team the lead, which they held onto for the win. Wolverines won 4-3.

The Wolverines had 29 shots on the net during the game. Carson Ironside was in the net for the Wolverines for all sixty minutes and saw 20 shots. There were ten penalties in total. The two stars of the game were Carmela Crandell for the Crusaders, who had three points, two assists and a goal, and Cooper Smyl for the

with an outstanding lineup, three goals and one assist.

There are four more home games this month at the Scott Safety Centre. The Wolverines take on the Camrose Kodiaks on Saturday, November 19. The last time Brooks and the Wolverines played, Brooks took the win 6-3. The Wolverines definitely will be hungry for a win. On Friday, November 25, the Wolverines welcome the Spruce Grove Saints to town. The evening match-up will be the first visit to the Scott Safety Centre for the Saints this

Towards the end of the month, the Wolverines have an afternoon matchup on Sunday, November 27, against the Lloydminster Bobcats, starting at 2:30 pm. The month's final game will see the Grande Prairie Storm rumble into the community. This game will be the first match-up between the two rivals since September 2, the Wolverines' first exhibition game at the start of the season. Fans will undoubtedly be eager to see how things have changed between the two teams since the pre-season.



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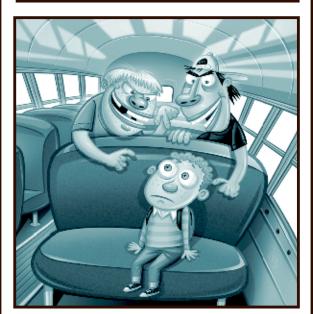
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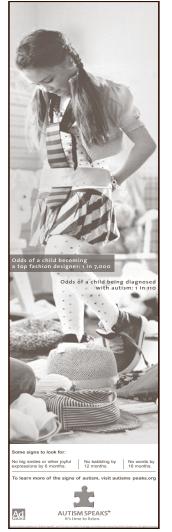
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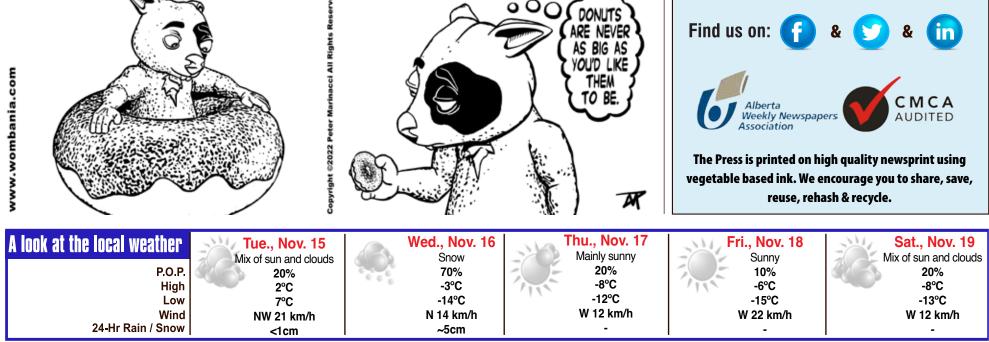
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## Recruitment Drive at the Whitecourt Fire Department happening this month





Working as a team to get the job done.

#### By Serena Lapointe

The Whitecourt Fire Department is recruiting new members and hopes to add eight to ten more to their crew. So far, they have received six applications. One of the most significant parts of being in the department is the time commitment for training and calls. "Our members put in about ten thousand hours a year combined. Divided by 42 members, that's about 250 hours a year on average for our members," explained Fire Chief Brian Wynn.

Training happens on Tuesdays each week, plus some additional weekends. "We supply all inhouse training for them. We teach the NFPA 1001 professional firefighters standard, level one, and level two. We also do instructor and officer training, first aid training and much more. There are lots of opportunities for training," said Chief Wynn. The department covers costs for training and equipment needed by members.

As members progress through their training, more opportunities open up. "We turn people into pump operators, so we have pump operator training and driver training and traffic control training. There are so many aspects that we have to train people for, so it's ongoing forever. Once you have a bit under your belt, you can get into steep bank rescue, ice rescue, rope rescue, and swift water rescue. There's just so many to get into."

Members are very involved in the community as they teach about being fire-safe in schools and at public events. "The kids are fantastic when we do the Firehall tours or go out in public. Even if we are out doing fire training, we will take the time to stop and talk with the public and the kids," said Chief Wynn. Firefighters also teach about being Firesmart, another big piece of prevention. "We are trying to encourage

homeowners to do what they can. As a town, we are trying to protect our community in the event of a wildfire. That's a huge component of the department's fire prevention direction."

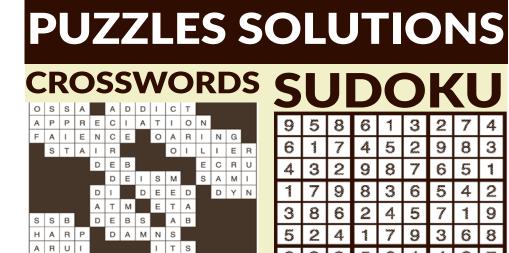
Learning the capabilities of equipment, like the ladder truck.

Chief Wynn said volunteering with the Whitecourt Fire Department benefits members outside the hall too. "I think we develop some pretty good leaders that take skills, not only in the fire service but also back to their work. So, it's a benefit to employers as well."

When a member joins the department, their family joins too. "It's very much a team environment. Everything we do is with crews and teams. It's also a family environment. We connect with the families through our Firefighters Association. We do something for the families monthly to show support and to thank them," explained Chief Wynn.

Recruits must be at least 18 years of age. Outside of that, Chief Wynn said age doesn't matter as long as recruits can do the job. "We've had forty-year old's join us. It's like the RCMP. They are recruiting that way now, where you see many new people coming out, and they are 40 or 45 years old. These people also come with life skills, or maybe their job involves driving or being a pump operator in the oil field. These are skills that are assets to us when these people come. Life experi-

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Last week, a cold snap brought bitterly cold temperatures for the first time this year. Dropping well into the minus twenties, much of the community awoke to a crispy layer of snow on the ground and a wintery mist lingering in the air. Tree branches and exposed greenery were solidified in an icy blanket that glowed in the early morning sun. It was a sign that winter was here to stay. Thankfully, it's beautiful. www.whitecourtpress.com

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ence is a good thing."

On November 22, firefighters Whitecourt will be at the Firehall for a Recruitment Drive. Those interested are encouraged to pop by between 6 pm and 8 pm. Workstations will be set up so potential recruits can try a few different things. "We are targeting those who have questions or want to know more about becoming a firefighter. People can come to talk to members and ask them questions."

Those who join are asked to make more than just a time commitment. "We would like recruits to commit for five years. If you don't know anything or have any training coming in, it's about a year before you're comfortable being a firefighter. We invest a lot of time and money into training recruits and putting them in bunker gear, coveralls, and station wear. It costs us a fair amount. So, we like to

see that commitment."

The deadline for getting applications in is December 2. Beyond that, Chief Wynn and his deputies will interview applicants and communicate the commitment required. "We need them to know what they are getting into. If they can't make the commitments, there's not much point in starting the process. We make sure they understand what this entails."

Aside from the very well-trained members, camaraderie is one thing that is plentiful at the Whitecourt Fire Department. Joining is like joining a family. The friendships built through that trust and support from each other are second to none. It's also a fantastic way to support and protect the community. "We are there on possibility someone's worst day of their life so far. You can really make a difference in somebody's life. That's pretty gratifying," said Chief Wynn. "We work very well with our other

emergency responders, RCMP, and ambulance staff. We are cohesive on the scene, looking after the community."

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In the last thirty years of being on the job, Chief Wynn said he's still learning. He said that's one of his favourite parts of being a firefighter. "It's a career that is never boring because you are always learning new things." Several members who began their careers in Whitecourt have gone on to get full-time jobs in other departments. "That's something we are proud of. We started by giving them the desire to do this and met their expectations with training and everything else. Whitecourt has a pretty good reputation of people."

Applications are on the Town of Whitecourt's website or at the fire hall. The Recruitment Drive event takes place on November 22 from 6-8 pm at the Whitecourt Fire Department.



Up, up and away goes the water!



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## GET INVOLVED....IT'S YOUR TOWN! Opportunity for Public Participation

Every fall, the Town of Whitecourt recruits citizens to fill volunteer positions on various boards and committees that provide Town Council with perspective and recommendations regarding important civic issues. Whitecourt is a diverse, growing town, and citizens are in the best position to provide input on our changing community needs.

Get involved! It's your town. Share your knowledge and meet new colleagues.

The Town of Whitecourt is now accepting applications for:

#### Subdivision and Development Appeal Board

"To make decisions on appeals of subdivision or development decisions made by the Development Officer or Municipal Planning Commission." (2) Members – terms to expire in October 2025

#### Whitecourt and District Library Board

"To work towards maintaining the vibrancy of our library and meeting the social needs of community members through the creation of policies and planning." (1) Member – term to expire in October 2024

Applications will be accepted from Town of Whitecourt and Woodlands County residents.

#### Whitecourt Tourism Committee

""To establish a brand and program to further the interests of the Town of Whitecourt in the tourism industry."

(1) Member – term to expire in October 2024

(2) Members – terms to expire in October 2025

Ad Hoc Municipal Development Plan (MDP) and Land Use Bylaw (LUB) Review Advisory Committee

"To provide ongoing direction to Administration and Council on various Municipal Development Plan, Land Use Bylaw, and Area Structure Plan issues as the Town develops

its respective Bylaws."

Up to (5) Members from the Business Community – with representation from the following:

- 1 Member at Large from the Downtown Commercial Area
- · 1 Member at Large from the Highway Commercial Corridor
- 1 Member at Large from the Development Industry
- 1 Member at Large from the Whitecourt & District Chamber of Commerce
- 1 Member at Large from Real Estate Up to (4) Members from Local Community Organizations Up to (4) Members at Large

You do not have to be a Whitecourt resident to apply for the Ad Hoc Committee, provided you own or operate a business in Whitecourt.

If being on a Council Committee interests you, please complete an application form which can be found on the Whitecourt website at <u>www.whitecourt.ca</u> or picked up at the Town Office. Applications must be received before 12:00 noon, Tuesday, November 22, 2022 to:

Whitecourt Town Administration Office Attention: Executive Assistant 5004 - 52 Avenue, Box 509, WHITECOURT, AB T7S 1N6 email: administration@whitecourt.ca

Applications will be presented to Town Council at the November 28, 2022 Regular Meeting.

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