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Friday night fun at the Whitecourt & District Public Library as area residents created unique collage keepsake boxes. The craft was part of Adult Art Therapy, a free monthly registered program that brings out the fun and gets your creative juice flowing.

# Releasing the inner child and having a blast at the library's Adult Art Therapy program

#### By Serena Lapointe

A packed room of folks participated in the year's first Adults Art Therapy night on Friday night. The always-popular event features an ever-changing lineup

of artsy things to do, encouraging adults to round up their friends and allow their creativity to take over.

Library assistant, Lisa Daye, is the brains behind the event. As a very artistic and talented person herself, Daye has brought the program from humble beginnings to what it's known as today. Twenty people can

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# It's the little things that matter most; spreading love and kindness

#### By Serena Lapointe

Staff and volunteers at the Whitecourt Food Bank have gone out of their way to spread a little love for Valentine's Day. With a chocolate stash from donations, the group created kits to hand out to single parents who come in. Food Bank Director Lori Coffey said their goal with the kits is to make someone feel good.

"If you're coming to the food bank, things are already not going well. Right off the bat, you are coming stressed out and probably worried about other things, like bills, because we know that it's not an easy decision to come and see us. When you leave the food bank, we try and do everything possible to make you feel better about at least some

aspects of things."

Coffey said her line of work is often emotional, making kindness all the more critical. As a referral service, the food bank helps people access other services, like applications for recreation subsidies for children, taking it beyond food. "If you have six things on your plate,

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Staff at the Whitecourt Food Bank had fun putting together Valentine's Day gift packs last week. Intending to spread a little extra love to single parents using the food bank, the crew used donated goodies and a chocolate stash to create something special. Two super friendly food bank staff members putting together the Valentine's Day kits.





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let us take away one of those with the food, but we might be able to help with two or three. It helps give them some breathing room to focus on other things," she said.

Stressful situations can lead to high emotions, and Coffey said they try and help turn negatives into positives. "Sometimes people come, and they are really stressed out and take it out on us. I don't think they mean to do it, but when we smile back at them and offer them a treat, you can see it shift for them," said Coffey. "Kindness is key."

The Valentine's Day kits started as a Christmas thing and evolved into something bigger. "There are a whole bunch of us that are single moms, and we were talking about how we always focus on getting everything for our kids, but then you realize that moms aren't getting birthday presents or Christmas presents, and they don't care, as long as their kids are taken care of. But we thought, why don't we make some mom bags so that there's a present for them," explained Coffey.

Wanting single moms to have a present under the tree, the Whitecourt Food Bank put together gift-like donations they'd received. "It went over really well," said Coffey, adding that they used donations like special toiletry items, handmade things, face masks, etc.

Coffey said they also keep little kits for single parents as a pick-me-up gift throughout the year. "You can see when they come in that they are super stressed. Giving them this thing we've put together for them brightens their day a bit. I think that's so important. Not everyone has someone to buy them Christmas presents or something on Valentine's Day, or the ability to buy anything." The little touch has proven impactful.

Now, anytime the Whitecourt Food Bank receives donations that can be used as a gift item, like handmade things, they set it aside. "Everyone that donates that stuff to the food bank, this is what we use it for. All of it goes to good use and is very appreciated. The kits aren't part of the food we focus on, but they are impactful, and we go through quite a few."

They view the kits as a random act of kindness. "Making someone feel good is winning. You need little, tiny moments of niceness to keep you going. I stole the idea from another food bank years ago and find it brings happiness. At a job where you can struggle to make that happen, this really, really helps," smiled Coffey.

Looking outward to her community, Coffey said the stress she sees at the food bank is everywhere. "We notice that everyone is stressed these days, not just food bank people, but people in general. I know that things are tough, but we are all going to get so much more out of life if we smile, are nice and use kind words rather than if we are mean to someone."

Taking the experiences at the food bank out into the world, Coffey said no one ever knows what anyone else is truly going through. "I try to be as kind as I can to everyone because you never know what people are going through and how you can impact their day by being kind. When someone smiles at you, it's contagious." Coffey encourages ev-

eryone to be the difference in someone's day. "I see firsthand what these small things can do for someone and how it can make them feel. We can all do those things for people. Smiling at people, saying hello, saying thank you when someone holds a door open for you or waving at the driver that lets you in the line. It breeds kindness in your daily actions."

Staff at the food bank put together the Valentine's Day gifts for single parents on Friday and had a lot of fun doing it. "It feels good to do things for others. There is so much stress out there today, so spreading kindness is even more important because the harder it gets, the more kindness we need," said Coffey.

At Christmas, 40 mom gifts were given out. The staff weren't sure how many Valentine's Day gifts they could make but planned to make as many as possible. Those looking to donate something different to the food bank are encouraged to think outside the box. "Nonfood things are still useful to a food bank. When your house runs out of food, it runs out of everything else. Having those little extra things that people usually wouldn't think about donating to a food bank is amazing. We can use it all."



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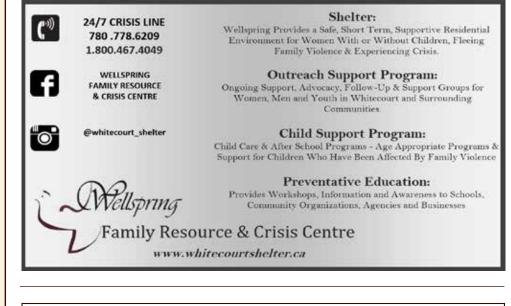
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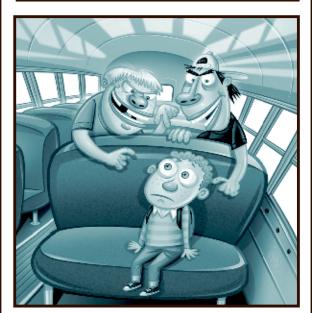
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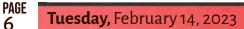


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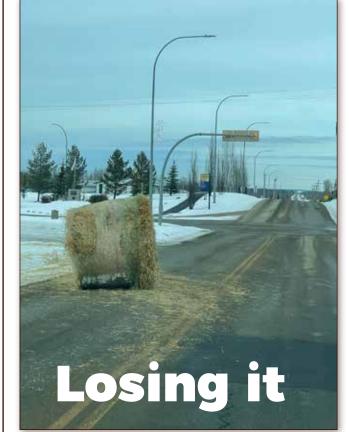
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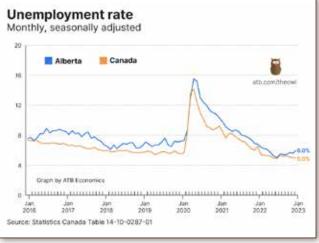
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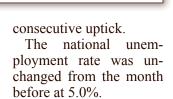


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Several bright, colourful, and attentiongrabbing displays are up in downtown Whitecourt to celebrate Valentine's Day. Pharmasave, Whitecourt Stationary, White Wall Wood, and Whatever Works have creative decorations on their buildings and windows for everyone to enjoy. From big hearts to a beautiful window chalk display to life-sized heart candies that look good enough to eat, the love is definitely visible.

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participate in each class, filling five tables in the classroom at the back of the library. Each month it runs, there is typically a waitlist, and some events have proven so popular that a second class needed to run to satisfy wait-listers.

"People really enjoy it. I've been running the Adult Art Therapy classes since I got here, so five years. When I first inherited the program, it was something where adults could come out and colour. I knew we could do a lot more with it and a lot of different stuff. I'm lucky they let me do whatever I want," explained Daye.

Her creative spark has turned the program into a must-attend monthly event which has people counting down the days on their calendar, impatiently waiting to get in the room and get messy. One super popular theme, painted rock mandalas, has been requested time and time again. Other than the ones patrons ask to repeat, Daye likes to bring new ideas to keep things interesting.

Over the years, Daye has helped teach people how to carve soapstone (Daye is a very talented soapstone artist), paint wine glasses, fabric weaving, collage portraits, vision boards, Ukrainian Easter eggs, watercolour silhouettes, masks, Temari ornaments, hula hoop rag rugs, and patio lanterns, to name a few. "I love doing it. (I can't believe) this is my job, and I get paid to do it. It's amazing. I love doing arts and crafts, so to be able to do this as my job, well, it's a great way to earn a living," said Daye with a big smile.

When asked her thoughts on why the program is so popular and gets a packed house at the library on a Friday night, Daye said it's the whole experience. "They come with their friends, and they are having a great time. They get to be creative and do something they've never tried before. I supply them with all the materials. Left to their own devices, people probably wouldn't gather all the stuff, sit at their table and invite all their friends over to their house. It's just easier if it's happening here because all they have to do is come to the library." Each program runs for two hours. "Most of the fun part is that they hang



A finished collage keepsake box.

out with their people. It doesn't matter as much what the activity is. It's more that they are spending time with the people that they enjoy spending time with."

Adult Art Therapy runs once a month, on a Friday, until May. Next month's activity is crochet for beginners on Friday, March 31. April's event is on the 21 and is acrylic pour painting. The very popular painted rock mandalas will make their appearance on May 12. Daye said the calls for registration begin as soon as the schedule is made public. She said if people want to participate in a class, they should register as quickly as possible.

"It's fantastic to see people enjoying art. It makes me so happy. Especially when people come in here and are intimidated because it's not their thing, they will say, oh, I can't draw. Or I can't paint, or I'm not creative. And then before they know it, they're saying, look what I did, I love it. It's fantastic for me to see that," said Daye. She said people who say they aren't creative are actually her favourite attendees. "It's the best when people who think they can't do this come out because I can always prove them wrong," she laughed.

For Friday's event, participants made collage keepsake boxes using boxes picked up at the thrift store and dollar store. Everyone flipped through magazine clippings from the magazine discard pile at the library and chose the pieces that caught their attention. "They chose the images and words they wanted on their box and then glued them on the box in layers. Everyone is making it how they want it. It's personal."

Daye said the low-budget craft is part of what makes it fun because it's taking little things and turning them into something special. "It's really fun to put it together." Anyone interested in joining an upcoming class to see what all the fun is about can call the library at 780-778-2900 to register. Daye added that they accept arts and craft supply donations, should anyone have anything unused, lying around collecting dust. "Whatever we get, I find a fun way to use it."



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High	-6°C	-3°C	2°C	-2°C	-1°C
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# Tuesday, February 14, 2023 Www.whitecourtpress.com **Two high-scoring games bring out the excitement for Wolverines fans**

#### By Serena Lapointe

Last week was the battle of the Grande Prairie Storm and the Whitecourt Wolverines, with two games, two arenas, and two very different outcomes. On Tuesday,

February 7, the Wolverines hopped in their bus and drove up the highway to the Bonnetts Energy Centre in Grande Prairie for the first game between the pair.

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verines lit up the scoreboard first, just over a minute into the period, thanks to Cooper Smyl's twenty-second of the season, assisted by Jack





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The Whitecourt Wolverines scored twelve goals last week against the Grande Prairie Storm. Two high-scoring games gave fans in both municipalities something to cheer about.



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Please contact the Community Services Department to obtain further information 780-778-8400 or toll-free at 1-888-870-6315.







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Franklin. The Storm answered at 3:56, tying things up, 1-1. Colby Browne was the next Wolverine to add to their stats, grabbing his nineteenth goal of the season, assisted by Spencer Rheaume and Rodion Tatarenko.

Leading 2-1, the Wolverines wasted little time before adding to their lead. At 11:52, Tanner Klimpke scored his thirtieth of the season, assisted by Caleb MacDonald and Spencer Rheaume, making it 3-1. The Grande Prairie Storm rushed back, scoring two goals in just over two minutes, tying the game 3-3. Not to be outdone, Dylan Leslie joined the chorus, scoring at the 18-min-

ute mark of the period. With nine seconds left, the Storm scored, tying things up again. That's eight goals in one period! In the second, try as they might, the Wolverines could not get a puck past the Storm's netminder. Unfortunately, the Storm players did not have the same issue and pocketed two goals past the Wolverine's goalie, Lochlan Gordon. After the second, it was 6-4 for the Storm.

The final period started poorly for the Wolverines. At 3:23, the Storm scored another, increasing their lead 7-4, but the already high-scoring game was about to get even bigger. Aiden Long scored just after the five-minute mark, getting his team within two. Seventy seconds later, the Wolverines came back again. This time, it was Jarred Feist, assisted by Rodion Tatarenko and Graham Skinner. The Wolverines were within one goal of tying things up.

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Nearing the end of the period, the Wolverines had only seconds to make their move. A pass from Tanner Komzak to Caleb MacDonald landed on Kaiden Wiltsie's stick, and the Wolverine forward did not miss. With only seven seconds left in the regulation time, the Wolverines had tied things up 7-7. It was time for OT!

Overtime was shortlived, as the Storm scored only twelve seconds into the extra frame. The Wolverines left with one point in their bucket, craving more. The final score from Grande Prairie was 8-7. Surprisingly, there was only one penalty in the game. Wolverine Dylan Leslie sat for two in the second for charging.

Night two for the teams came on Friday, February 10. The Grande Prairie Storm was ready to take another win from the Wolverines, but the home team was also ready; to fight! The first period was uneventful, with only one penalty to the Storm for slashing and no goals. It was night and day from the previous game, which had eight goals in the first twenty minutes.

In the second period, things livened up. Aiden Long scored the game's first goal, assisted by Kaiden Wiltsie and Jack Franklin, whip-

ping the 445 fans in the stands into a frenzy. Thirty-three seconds later, his teammate Cooper Smyl scored his twenty-third goal of the season, thanks to assists from Dylan Leslie and Caleb MacDonald.

The Wolverine's quick two-goal lead evaporated as the Storm scored twice to tie things up. Wolverine Braden Keeble, flanked by Jonah Bevington and Rodion Tatarenko, broke the tie, giving his team back the lead of 3-2. Fans were feeling it!

In the final period, the Wolverines came in hot. Dylan Leslie scored a goal fifty-five seconds in. Make it 4-2! A little over six minutes later, Colby Browne snipped one past the Storm netminder, thanks to a wicked pass from Tanner Klimpke and Caleb MacDonald, giving the Wolverines a 5-2 lead.

Thirty seconds later, the Storm snuck in a powerplay marker off the draw as Wolverine Spencer Rheaume sat in the box for slashing, 5-3. Aiden Long, who got the game's first goal, ceremoniously got the final goal, too, scoring unassisted with 55 seconds left. The final score from the Scott Safety Centre was 6-3 Wolverines. This week, the Wolverines are on a southern trip and will not return for a home game until February 24 and 25 against the Bonnyville Pontiacs.



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BUDGET INFORMATION

Meet Town Council and share your thoughts on what is planned for 2023 and future budgets. Information on this year's budget, including budget allocations and service enhancements, will be available.

Comments from participants will be compiled and reviewed by Council during final budget deliberations.

# OPEN HOUSE



February 22, 2023: 4:00 to 7:00pm, Allan & Jean Millar Centre



## **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

Current opportunities are posted on the Town's website. Currently Whitecourt has the following opportunity:

- RFP Arena Restaurant & Concession Operations: Whitecourt Twin Arenas Closes: February 24, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.
- RFP Rotary Park Concession & Services Closes: February 24, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

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