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Those craving playing in the dirt and planting various plants in their gardens and beds can get their fix at Twin Acres Greenhouse. The locally-owned business opened a week ahead of schedule, kicking off the season on Friday, April 21.

By Serena Lapointe

Twin Acres Greenhouse just opened for its third year. Area gardeners were ready to walk through the pink greenhouse door the very moment the sign flipped to open. Owner Vanessa Long said she is excited to be open for the season and is happy to see so many people eager to walk through the aisles, dreaming of flower-filled baskets and beds.

The most significant change for the local greenhouse this year is a massive jump in space. The "pink door" green-

house gives a few thousand extra square feet. "We now have 65 different types of hanging baskets, with different sizes and a massive variety within the greenhouse. You can do a lot more fun things with this much space. I have fun shopping for it," smiled Long.

When she first opened Twin Acres, named after her adorable twins, Long had a vision of what she wanted it to become. The growth over the last couple of years has gotten her closer to her goals of becoming a full-time

greenhouse and having a U-pick operation. "It is still being researched and dreamed about, but there are lots of plans in the works."

She said she is going down to central Alberta this summer once the greenhouse closes for the season. "I will be checking out some greenhouses doing some neat berry productions. Things you would grow in the lower mainland that you can't grow here, we can grow in a greenhouse here—even raspberries. There's a new program coming

out of Eastern Canada. They are in the soil, but you are fertilizing with hydroponics, and they are in a greenhouse, not outdoors."

With over 3000 perennials in the blue greenhouse, Long said they could lower their prices because they are growing them on-site rather than buying them from someone else. "We can set our prices a lot easier and do a lot more variety that way too. The only thing we will bring in will be the hardwood products like trees and shrubs and

some of the vines."

For the U-pick dream, Long said they would be doing some testing. "We have to do some soil sampling to see if we are going to have a U-pick in the ground or if we are going to put it into greenhouses. It wouldn't technically be a U-pick then, but it would expand us." Long said she could feel the momentum. "There are lots of really busy things happening at the moment."

For gardeners planning their yards, Long said one of the big trends this year is to try something different. "For us, in the greenhouse, we are trying some different things because we know shortages are coming. There's likely a dracaena or spike shortage coming next year. If people buy them this year, you should overwinter them because you may not get them next year."

Spikes are a common addition to flower baskets as they give height to the finished product. To work around the potential shortage next year, Long said she is trying out different grasses that provide a similar effect as the spikes. Blue Mohawk grass is one grass they've used this year. Long said they've never had a spike shortage before but are having fun finding new items to use instead.

For colours, Long said two are standing out this year as hot commodities. "Oranges and purples are big this year. Many new plants that have come out this year that seem to be trending and are selling out the fastest have purples and oranges."

Long said Martha Washington Geraniums are an excellent option for new gardeners or those who tend to sacrifice plants accidentally. "Geraniums are like your best friend. They are really easy to maintain with very little deadheading. They can handle the heat. They can suntan with you on the deck and will love it. They aren't going to wilt and shrivel. If you forget to water them one day, you're ok! But, if you forget to water your

petunias, they won't be happy."

She added that low maintenance is another theme. "A lot of our hanging baskets are geared towards low maintenance because that's my stage of life," she chuckled. "Our signature baskets this year are also low maintenance. There are ivy geraniums in them, a trailing geranium; you don't have to do anything to it. We took the petunias out because they are high maintenance." As the business namesake, Long's twins are the signature baskets' primary focus, which features pink and blue hues.

People growing their food is also a trend sticking around. Long said that people started dabbling in it through the pandemic and that last year, with skyrocketing prices for vegetables like lettuce and tomatoes, people started getting more serious with it. Long said her other greenhouse has 400 tomato plants thriving in it. "They are already six feet tall, and they have ripening tomatoes. We hope to have ripe tomatoes off the vine by mid-May."

Long said she's also been playing around with peppers and has four kinds. "I've never grown peppers to this extent in a greenhouse. It's a special variety that will grow up to twenty feet tall. Also, the vine of the tomato plants will be up 25 feet long, if not 30 feet, especially with the ones that are already six feet."

Though planting in gardens and flower beds is still a little ways away, Long said it'd be here soon enough. "We don't have snow like we did last year at this time, but it was warmer. Every time my furnaces turn on, it's graphed, and you can compare it year after year. Last year we were not as cold at night as we are right now. The days warm up more, but we are colder at night than last year." She invites everyone to walk through the pink greenhouse door for an instant mood boost while they wait for the frost to disappear.

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A good shock for the Whitecourt Food Bank as a matching grant doubles December's donations

By **Serena Lapointe**

A last-minute grant opportunity at the end of 2022 proved to be a game changer for the Whitecourt Food Bank. Through December, the provincial government matched every financial donation made to the food bank up to \$50,000. When the clock struck midnight on December 31, 2022, the Whitecourt Food Bank had received \$49,759 in donations. As good as it could get.

"All the companies and people that had donated enabled this grant to happen, and they didn't even know about it. It's a pretty cool thing between the community and the government and how it came together. They turned \$50,000 into \$100,000, just like that," said Lori Coffey, Food Bank Manager.

"That's our busiest month for donations, so it couldn't have been a better month for this to happen. When I found out that they would be offering this grant and that December was the chosen month to match donations, I knew it would be good. There's no other month we get the same amount of donations."

Last week, MLA Martin Long attended the food bank to see what was purchased with the money. Coffey showed him the new sorting table they bought and said Long was genuinely excited about it, just as they were to show it off. "He understood the value of having that table and what it meant to us. We appreciated having him here to see it."

The sorting table is like a massive counter that

enables volunteers and staff to pack up to ten perishable boxes without setting up single tables to form a space, which they did previously. The table also has a storage space underneath. Before, any items stored under the tables were on the floor. Now, storage is up, off the floor.

Coffey said the funding also enabled her to hire another staff member. With extra help in place, Coffey focused on grant writing and has already brought in \$66,000. Coffey said she uses grants to pay for staffing, rent, and necessary upgrades like the sorting table and bins. "We bought bins and totes with this grant funding, and it's much better for us. It's safer to use heavy-duty totes than

it is to use random boxes that break down over time. It's safer for all of us to work."

Coffey also purchased rolling carts. Rather than move heavy boxes around, the rolling carts make moving things easier and safer, saving the backs of volunteers. "I can't afford to buy these things, so this grant enabled me to bring it in. This grant was enormous for us to receive. It has boosted the food bank to where it needed to be."

Along with a meat purchase, since meat is exorbitantly expensive, and a food order, Coffey spent every cent of the grant on the most impactful things she could think of. As she made the purchases, Coffey said she continually thought of the local busi-

nesses and people who made it all possible by donating funds in December. "We are such a strong community. I wondered how close I would get to the \$50,000, and we got there. That's this community, though. They are so supportive in a way that is just amazing. Not all food banks get the support we do here. The community of Whitecourt backs us, supports us, and makes this happen. They ensure we can meet the needs of people who need our help."

Every cent goes to food when residents and businesses donate cash to the food bank. The matching grant was the first time the provincial government had offered such a program. Coffey said she hopes to see it continue.

"It's getting worse for people. The number of people we help is increasing. I needed more people to handle that and more resources." Coffey said they give out 250 perishable boxes each month. Perishable boxes keep food waste down by getting it into the hands of those who can use it and need it. No identification is required to grab one, and they are given out multiple times a week. Coffey said on top of that, they do around 200 intakes a month too.

The grants Coffey succeeded in getting so far this year have enabled her to provide extra fruits and vegetables in hampers. She said grants that fund this type of addition are not typical, and she is happy to have enough

funding for the fresh foods through the end of the year. "I want fresh, healthy, and good wholesome hampers."

Those wanting to donate, who are still deciding what to buy, are encouraged to grab toiletries. Coffey said families with empty food cupboards have bare cupboards everywhere else in the home. She likes to provide items that would typically run out, such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo/conditioner etc., but they must be donated. "This isn't possible without support from the community. We are humbled and grateful for the support. It's about community members helping their community, and this community rocks at it."



MLA Martin Long and Lori Coffey were all smiles standing near the new sorting table.



Rolling carts are a safer alternative for volunteers and staff, like Tara.

A late 2022 opportunity flipped the switch for the Whitecourt Food Bank. Every cash donation made in December was inflated thanks to a matching grant that took an already huge donation pile and grew it.

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Information and application forms can be obtained from www.whitecourt.ca.

Applications will be accepted until **4:30 PM on Wednesday May 17, 2023**, at the following location:

Town of Whitecourt - Planning & Development Department
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TOWN OF WHITECOURT – PUBLIC NOTICE LOAN BYLAW 1569

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to Sections 606 and 265(3) of the Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, Chapter M.26 of proposed Loan Bylaw 1569, respecting the loan of \$19,000 at a rate of 0% for a period of 10 years, to Tennille's Hope Kommunity Kitchen Society for the purposes of upgrading the community kitchen facility.

The proposed bylaw was given first reading at the Council meeting held on April 11, 2023. A copy of the proposed bylaw is available for inspection at the Town Administration building located at 5004 52 Avenue, Whitecourt Alberta T7S 1N6.

Anyone wishing to file a petition regarding the proposed bylaw must do so in compliance with the requirements contained in Sections 222 to 226 of the Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000 which includes, but is not limited to the following:

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Any questions or comments should be directed to Judy Barney, Director of Corporate Services, Whitecourt Alberta T7S 1N6, Phone: 780-778-2273 Fax: 780-778-4166

Last date of publication of the notice will be Tuesday, April 25, 2023.



The Whitecourt Air Cadets and parent volunteers cleared the Lion's Campground on Saturday morning. The Whitecourt Lions Club is the air cadet squadron's main sponsor, and in return for that support, cadets volunteer their time to prep the popular in-town hot spot before it officially opens the gates to campers. Volunteerism is a big part of the cadet program. Youth aged 12-18 can join for free and learn numerous life skills. The zero cost of the program makes having generous sponsors, like the Whitecourt Lions Club, all the more critical. During Saturday's work bee, cadets used teamwork and a lot of elbow grease to get the job done. They helped move picnic tables to all the sites and stacked a large mound of freshly cut firewood. They also raked areas and helped clean things up. When the work was done, volunteers had a barbeque together.

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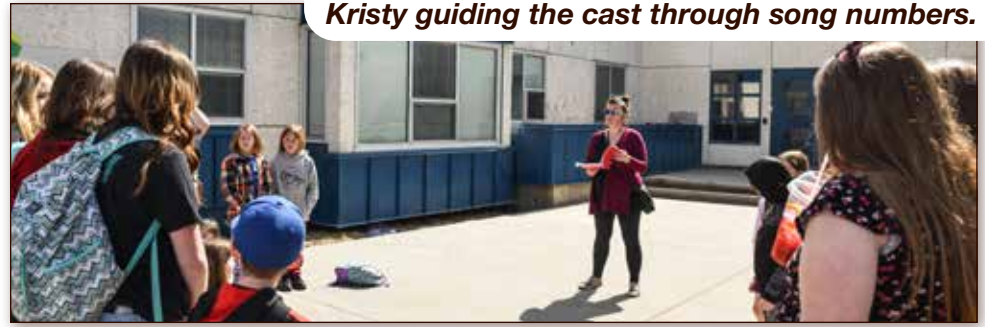
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The Pumpjack Players youth production is coming up soon. Based on the popular Peanuts comic strip created by Charles M. Schulz, which first hit newspapers in October 1950. The play features 28 area children eager to showcase their hard work to the public and a beautiful, hand-drawn backdrop sure to wow.

By Serena Lapointe

If you are a fan of the Peanuts comic strip, the Pumpjack Players have a treat in store for you. This year's youth production, You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown, is a play centred around the beloved comic and features all the favourite characters. Tara Bartsch and Billie-Jo House have co-directed the youth productions since 2017. After years of waiting, both are eager to get the play onto the stage. "It was originally supposed to run three years ago. We were a month and a half from show dates when COVID

hit. So, it got cancelled," explained Bartsch.

After three years of waiting, most of the original cast did not return, but thankfully, a new group of kids stepped up to the task. "We are back with a 90 percent brand new cast and ten percent remaining cast. A couple of our leads were replaced this time, but we still had a core group from the original cast."

Bartsch said the group had to repurchase the script rights to the play as the timeline from the first purchase had expired. "Luckily, we had already bought most of the cos-

tumes like Snoopy, and we had the dog house already built, so many props were already built and ready to go. That saved us."

She said the children are doing very well. "The kids are off script, and we are all good to go. We are just trying to fine-tune everything, get tech ready, and decorate the set. Everything else is pretty much finished." The kids learned twenty-two songs for the play, which Bartsch said is much more complicated than a non-musical production. "It's extremely difficult because it's dif-

ferent characters learning different songs. It's hard to sing songs, act and do choreography, but they've done amazing. We also have choir this year."

The choir was a new thing added to the play by Pumpjack Players after so many children tried out. "We didn't want to turn any kids away. The play only calls for six kids, but we wanted to include as many as possible. These kids needed somewhere to go and something to be part of," said Bartsch.

She said watching the kids grow and learn and realize how amazing they are is always a beautiful

part of the process. "Kids think they can't do anything. When you start the show, they say, I can't do this. When they realize that they can do it, it's pretty amazing. They've worked so hard. These kids were off-book for at least three weeks before we asked them to be off-book. They know their lines, and they know lines that aren't even theirs. Charlie Brown couldn't make it yesterday, and they knew all his lines and songs. They are ready."

You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown features all the familiar faces comic fans love. "You'll

see everyone you know: Charlie Brown, Lucy, Sally, and the Woodstock birds. We've added extra birds to the play to make it even more adorable. We also have the background characters, Shermey and Pig-Pen, that you'll hopefully recognize, and more," said Bartsch.

Ten-year-old Blaise Crossland is in his first-ever Pumpjack Players production and said he is excited for the curtains to open on May 6 and May 7. "I think I'm more excited than nervous. A part of me is nervous, but

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NOTICE OF DECISION

A decision has been made regarding the following development permit application:

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION	LOCATION	PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT	DECISION	DATE OF DECISION
15-010-2023	PT. NE 5-59-11-W5M Lot 1 Block 1, Plan 042-6181	Garden Suite	APPROVED with conditions	19-Apr-23

Any person affected by this decision may appeal to the Secretary of the Development Appeal Board by forwarding a written appeal along with a \$500.00 fee, to the address listed below, prior to **4:30 p.m., May 10, 2023.**

Information regarding this application may be obtained by inquiring at the address noted.

Attention: Peter McKay, Development Officer
Woodlands County
Box 60, #1 Woodlands Lane, Whitecourt AB T7S 1N3
Telephone: 780-778-8400
Toll-Free: 1-888-870-6315

DISCRETIONARY USE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION

The Municipal Planning Commission will be making a decision on the following development permit application as per the Woodlands County Land Use Bylaw, at their regular meeting on **Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. at the Whitecourt Municipal Office**, downstairs.

Section 19 of the Woodlands County Land Use Bylaw provides opportunity for any person who may have comments on the proposed development to deliver to the Development Officer, a written statement of their concerns indicating: their full name and address and the reasons for their comments to the proposed use.

If you have any comment or concern regarding this proposal you may provide a written statement via email to peter.mckay@woodlands.ab.ca prior to **4:30 p.m., May 2, 2023** or you may attend the meeting to voice any comments.

Comments received will be taken into consideration by the Municipal Planning Commission.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION	DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION NUMBER	PROPOSAL
PT. SW 24-58-12-W5M	15-013-2023	Garden Suite: change of occupancy

Information regarding this application may be obtained by inquiring prior to **4:30 pm, May 2, 2023.**

Attention: Peter McKay, Development Officer
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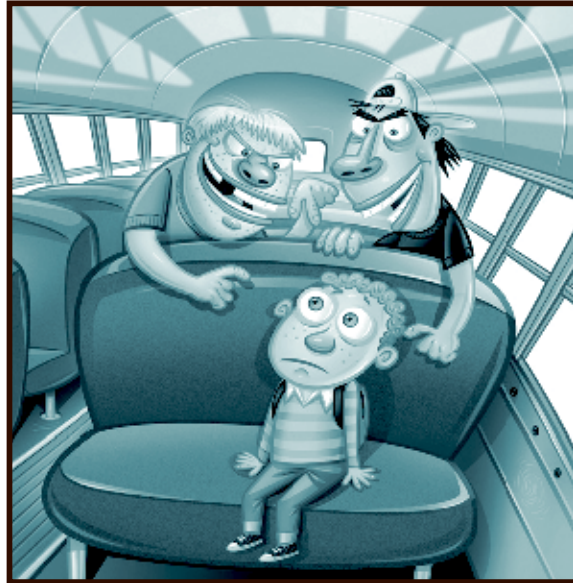


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A look at the local weather		Tue., April 25	Wed., April 26	Thu., April 27	Fri., April 28	Sat., April 29
P.O.P.		Light rain				
High	70%	70%	60%	30%	20%	30%
Low	9°C	9°C	13°C	12°C	14°C	15°C
Wind	1°C	1°C	1°C	0°C	0°C	0°C
24-Hr Rain / Snow	NW 23 km/h	SW 20 km/h	NW 25 km/h	W 6 km/h	SE 10 km/h	-
	1-3mm	1-3mm	-	-	-	-



Eagle River Casino & Travel Plaza Now Hiring Cashiers NOC 65100

Responsibilities:

- Greet customers
- Receive and process payments by cash, cheque, credit card, or automatic debit
- Provide information to customers
- Calculate foreign currency exchange
- Calculate total payments received at end of work shift and reconcile with total sales
- Verify the age of customers when selling lottery tickets, alcohol or tobacco products
- Operate cash register
- Process money, cheques, and credit/debit card payments
- Scan Items
- Tabulate total payment for goods or services required
- Receive payment for goods or services
- Calculate daily/shift payments received and reconcile them with total sales
- Suggestive selling
- Provide excellent customer service
- Assist customers with self-service items
- Participate in promotional activities

Qualifications:

- Some secondary school education is usually required. High school graduation may be required by some employers.
- Eligibility for bonding may be required.
- A casino gaming license may be required for cashiers working in gambling casinos.
- Must be able to complete Smart training courses
- Must be able to complete AML

Experience: 2 – 3 years, or we will train.

Education: Some post-secondary, high school may require.

Terms of Employment: Permanent full-time 40-hour work week.

Language: English

Employment Conditions: Shift work, Day, Evenings, Weekends, Holidays, Nights.

Wage: \$15.00 per hour.

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Just as the sun set on Wednesday last week, the thinning ice on Rotary Pond gave a beautiful illusion from shore. Standing on the far side, looking over at the pavilion, the bright blue sky reflecting on the outer ring of melting ice made the pond pop out from the landscape. Dotted ice in the center added to the intriguing view.



Eagle River Casino & Travel Plaza Now Hiring Casino Shift Manager NOC 62022

Responsibilities:

- Co-ordinate, assign and review the work of casino workers
- Establish work schedules and procedures and co-ordinate activities with other work units or departments
- Resolve work-related problems and prepare and submit progress and other reports
- Hire and train staff in job duties, safety procedures, and company policies
- Requisition of supplies and materials
- Ensure smooth operation of computer systems, equipment, and machinery, and arrange for maintenance and repair work
- May perform the same duties as workers supervised
- Perform the same duties as workers supervised
- Assist clients/guests with special needs
- Co-ordinate, assign and review work
- Ensure smooth operation of computer systems, equipment, and machinery, and arrange for maintenance and repair work
- Establish work schedules and procedures and co-ordinate activities with other work units or departments
- Hire and train staff in job duties, safety procedures, and company policies
- Requisition materials and supplies
- Resolve work-related problems and prepare and submit progress and other reports.

Qualifications:

- Completion of secondary school is usually required.
- Completion of college courses related to the area supervised may be required.
- Experience in the occupation supervised is usually required.
- AGLC casino gaming license will be required.
- Must be able complete Smart training courses
- AML certificate

Experience: 3 – 5 years.

Education: Completion of secondary school is required, casino gaming license.

Terms of Employment: Permanent full-time 44-hour work week.

Language: English

Employment Conditions: Shift work, Day, Evenings, Weekends, Holidays, Nights.

Wage: \$23.08 per hour.

Benefits Package: Vision, Dental, and Health after a 90-day probation period.

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I'm very excited."

When asked if he had a favourite song out of the twenty-two listed, Crossland said he wasn't sure. "I don't think I have a favourite song, but You're A Good Man Charlie Brown is a really fun one because everyone is in it together." Crossland said making new friends was one of his favourite parts of the experience. "In the first few practices, we all had already become super close. Meeting all the new people is a really fun part."

As the main Woodstock character, Crossland said he hopes lots of people buy tickets to come and see the play. "The play would be really fun to go to. We all know Charlie Brown. If someone said they didn't know if they should come to the play, I would say they should consider coming because it's fun. I think everyone should come."

Bartsch said an extra special addition would be at the cash-only concession. "There will be Charlie Brown-themed candies and popcorn. We hope people like it." You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown will run on Saturday, May 6, at 7:00 pm and Sunday, May 7, at 2:00 pm. Tickets are only \$15 and are available at the Whitecourt Public Library. "We would really like to see this play sell out because the kids have worked hard, and they deserve to see that happen," said Bartsch.



Blaise Crossland is pumped for opening day.

RCMP ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Whitecourt Investigating Break and Enter and Flight from Police

On April 1, 2023, at 9 a.m., Whitecourt RCMP responded to a possible break and enter at a hotel room on Caxton Street in Whitecourt. Upon arrival, it was learned that the suspects had left the area in a White Ford F250. Patrols of the area were made and the vehicle was later located stuck in a field, where the occupants were observed fleeing into a wooded area. With assistance from RCMP ERT (Emergency Response Team), PDS (Police Dog Services), RCMP Air Service, and members from both the Whitecourt and Mayerthorpe RCMP detachments, the two suspects were located and arrested. As a result of the investigation, RCMP have charged:

- Dallas Lee Loney (38), a resident of Edmonton, Alta. with thirteen counts including:
- Break and enter
- Possession of stolen property (X2)
- Possession of a Firearm when Prohibited
- Possession of ammunition when Prohibited
- Damage to property over \$5000.00
- And numerous traffic

offences.

After a Judicial hearing, Loney was remanded into custody With his next court date set for April 25, 2023, at Whitecourt Court of Justice.

Terah Danille Wright (32), a resident of St. Albert, Alta. with:

- Break and enter
- Possession of stolen property (X2)
- Possession of ammunition when prohibited
- Possession of break in tools.

After a Judicial hearing, Wright was released from custody with her next court appearance set for April 25, 2023, at Whitecourt Court of Justice.

Anyone with information about this incident are asked to contact the Whitecourt RCMP at 780-779-5900 or your local police. If you wish to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com or by using the "P3 Tips" app available through the Apple App or Google Play Store. To report crime online, or for access to RCMP news and information, download the Alberta RCMP app through Apple or Google Play.



Eagle River Casino & Travel Plaza Now Hiring Executive Chef NOC 6321

Responsibilities:

- Plan and direct food preparation and cooking banquets and specialty functions.
- Plan menus and ensure food meets quality standards
- Estimate food requirements and may estimate food and labour costs
- Supervise activities of sous-chefs, specialist chefs, cooks
- Arrange for equipment purchases and repairs
- Recruit and hire staff
- May prepare and cook food on a regular basis or for special guests or functions.
- Demonstrate new cooking techniques for and new equipment to the cooking staff
- Prepare and cook complete meals or specialty food, such as pastries, sauces, soups, salads, vegetables, meats, poultry, and fish dishes. Create and decorate food displays for special events such as banquets.
- Instruct cooks in the preparation, cooking garnishing, and presentation of food.
- Maintain records of food costs, consumption, sales, and inventory
- Analyze operating costs and other data

Qualification:

- Post Secondary diploma in Business Management, Culinary Arts, or Hospitality
- 3-5 years of supervisory or management experience in the Hospitality or Restaurant industry.
- Ability to provide leadership and communicate with all staff members.
- Ability to compute basic mathematical calculations.
- Knowledge of proper sanitation procedures and food safety guidelines.
- Understanding of food handling and sanitation standards.
- Understanding of restaurant operational procedures.
- Effective decision-making skills.
- Ability to acquire and maintain relationships e.g., associates, customers, and vendors.
- Positive communication and interpersonal skills.
- Positive attitude and a consistent display of professionalism.
- Innovative, detail-oriented, and quality conscious.
- Ability to endure abundant physical movements in carrying out job duties.
- Demonstrated ability to lead and direct a team.
- Ability to respond quickly in a dynamic and changing environment
- Knowledge of cost analysis, fiscal management, and budgeting techniques as an asset

Education: Post-secondary in business management, Culinary Arts or Hospitality

Terms of Employment: Permanent full-time, 44-hour work week

Employment Conditions: Shift work, Day, Evenings, Weekends, Holidays, Nights.

Wage: \$70,000 - 80,000 depending on experience.

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Eagle River Casino & Travel Plaza Now Hiring Security Guard Supervisor NOC 62029

Responsibilities:

- Co-ordinate, assign and review the work of security guards and other service workers not elsewhere classified
- Establish work schedules and procedures and co-ordinate activities with other work units or departments
- Resolve work-related problems and prepare and submit progress and other reports
- Hire and train staff in job duties, safety procedures, and company policies
- Requisition of supplies and materials
- Ensure smooth operation of computer systems, equipment, and machinery, and arrange for maintenance and repair work
- Monitor quality and production levels
- May perform the same duties as workers supervised.
- Arrange for maintenance and repair work
- Assist clients/guests with special needs
- Co-ordinate activities with other work units or departments
- Ensure smooth operation of computer equipment and machinery
- Establish work schedules and procedures
- Handle emergency situations
- Monitor quality and production levels
- Prepare and submit progress and other reports
- Requisition or order materials, equipment, and supplies
- Resolve work-related problems
- Supervise the operation of mechanical equipment and machinery
- Supervise, co-ordinate and schedule (and possibly review) activities of workers
- Train staff/workers in job duties, safety procedures, and company policies.

Qualifications:

- Completion of college courses related to the area supervised may be required.
- Experience in the occupation supervised is usually required.
- Certification or licensing AGLC.
- Must be able to complete Smart training course
- Must have a valid driver's license class 5
- Must be able to complete AML.

Experience: 2 – 3 years.

Education: Completion of secondary school an asset.

Terms of Employment: Permanent full-time 44-hour work week.

Language: English

Employment Conditions: Shift work, Day, Evenings, Weekends, Holidays, Nights.

Wage: \$20.77 per hour.

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