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The carousel isn't just for kids.

Carnival memories to last a lifetime

By Serena Lapointe

Wild Rose Shows Inc rolled into town on Tuesday, March 2, to begin setting up for their weekend in downtown Whitecourt. The yearly fair visit is one that youth and adults alike look forward to each spring. Rainy

days and thunderstorms have regularly occurred during the fair, but things were much better this year. The sun was shining on Friday and Saturday, with some rain on Sunday. The hot summer-like temperatures brought people out to have good

ole fashioned family fun together.

The carnival visits the community thanks to the Whitecourt & District Chamber of Commerce. Utilizing the town-owned parking lot behind the

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Remembering those lost, standing up for needed action, and coming together as one people

By Serena Lapointe

On Friday, May 5, the Whitecourt Indigenous Friends Society held its first annual National Day of Awareness & Action for MMIWG2S walk at Festival Park (previously named Rotary Park). MMIWG2S stands for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and Two-Spirited Peoples.

Faye Myshyniuk, president of the Whitecourt Indigenous Friends Society, said the board had recently met and discussed holding more events. "We were talking about different events that happen

throughout the year. We decided to put together a calendar of all the different Indigenous events that go on because sometimes we forget them."

At the recent meeting, someone said they should hold a walk for MMIWG2S. With little time to plan, the group felt it was more important to do the walk and that they could amp up the community's involvement next year. "We want to put the awareness out there. It's a crucial topic that many people don't know about," said Myshyniuk.

"We want to make sure that people know what it

stands for. We just want to honour and remember the missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, and two-spirited people. It's an epidemic. It really is." Those in attendance were asked to wear red, the movement's signature colour, which is led by a vibrant red dress.

"I really wanted to get red dress pins, but there wasn't any time for that so we can do that next year," added Myshyniuk. "Our goal is to be out, where the public can see us and help raise awareness and education of all

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Faye Myshyniuk was happy to see a large group come out.



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Fires throughout the Whitecourt Forest Area brought smoky conditions to the community last week. The Town of Whitecourt joined most others in calling for an outright fire ban. The fire ban for Whitecourt came into effect on May 1, snuffing out the possibility for residents to have backyard fires, use Tiki torches, or any open burning. Dry conditions left the area vulnerable, and no chances could be taken. On Friday, May 5, evacuations were in effect for several nearby municipalities, including Drayton Valley, Edson, Wildwood, and Evansburg, with several others on high alert, including Fox Creek. The Alberta Emergency Alert webpage went down late Friday after pumping out countless notices for the more than 100 fires in the province. High demand by residents seeking to see updated maps and notifications brought the website to a standstill for several hours. The app, thankfully, did not suffer any issues and continued to work.



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ANC Timber to Share Forestry Plans at Virtual Open House

WHITECOURT, ALBERTA, May 1 2023—This spring, forest company ANC Timber (Alberta Newsprint Company) will be holding a virtual “open house”, to share forestry operating plans for the year ahead. These events provide the general public and stakeholders with the opportunity to review the company’s planned activities in road development, harvesting, hauling, reforestation and herbicide treatment for the current forestry year. Public stakeholder input is gathered and utilized to influence operations where site specific concerns are identified such as trails, camping areas, recreation areas etc.

We would like to invite you to visit the websites below to view each companies upcoming forest activities. We will have a variety of plans available for review including: Areas of Operations for 2023-2024 season; Company Reforestation Plans; and Herbicide Treatment Plans.

Alberta Newsprint Company (ANC) -

<http://www.albertanewsprint.com/woodlands/>

For more information, contact:

James Norman

ANC Timber Ltd

780-706-8242

MÉTIS NATION OF ALBERTA NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

A Special Meeting of the Citizens of the Métis Nation of Alberta has been called to address the following:

Passage of new bylaws to enable implementation of the Otipemisiwak Métis Constitution

On May 27th a Special Meeting will be held to review and vote on new bylaws. These bylaws will enable the implementation of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government Constitution, which the Citizens of the Métis Nation within Alberta ratified in a province-wide vote in November 2022. This is an important step in our transition to the Otipemisiwak Métis Government. All Métis Nation of Alberta Citizens are welcome to attend. Have your voice heard and be part of this historic journey to Métis self-government.

Doors open at **9:00 AM** on **Saturday, May 27th, 2023** at the **Edmonton EXPO Centre**

7515 118 Ave NW, Edmonton, AB T5B 0J2

You can find more details on the Special Meeting by visiting MNAconstitution.com/SpecialMeeting



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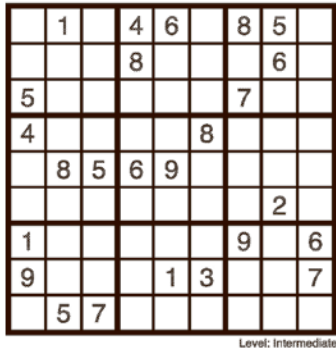
Location: From Edson on Hwy 16 drive to RR154 turn North of HWY16, go 9 Km to TWP Rd 542 and turn East. Go approx 7km and turn South onto RR145A, Yellowhead County. Property is on the left hand side
Auction Yard address is: 54129 RR145A

VIEWING AT NOON ON THE 19TH OF MAY



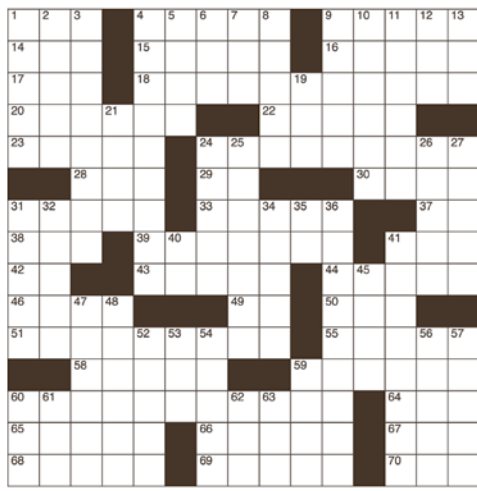
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SUDOKU CROSSWORDS



Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!



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. Midway between south and southeast
- 4. Fathers
- 9. Wine grape
- 14. Al Bundy's wife
- 15. Organic compound
- 16. Venezuelan state
- 17. Interest term
- 18. Experts
- 20. Central cores of stems
- 22. Smooth and glossy
- 23. One-time S. Korean city
- 24. One from Damascus
- 28. Short message at the end of an email
- 29. It cools your home
- 30. Oh, God!
- 31. Intestinal pouches
- 33. Men
- 37. Popular English soccer team (abbr.)
- 38. Former CIA
- 39. Arrange in steps
- 41. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
- 42. The Great Lake State
- 43. Dog-__: to mark a page
- 44. Stop moving
- 46. Ancient Dead Sea region
- 49. Of I
- 50. Clerical vestment

- 51. Songs sung to a lover
- 55. Charges
- 58. Popular design program manufacturer
- 59. Where to park a boat
- 60. One who values reason
- 64. Slang for cigarette
- 65. Sailboats
- 66. Actress Zellweger
- 67. Screen material
- 68. Country music legend Haggard
- 69. Puts together in time
- 70. When you hope to arrive

CLUES DOWN

- 1. An involuntary and abnormal muscular contraction
- 2. Philly's rail service
- 3. Leaves a place
- 4. No longer be a part in
- 5. Guitar players use them
- 6. Cease to exist
- 7. General's assistant (abbr.)
- 8. Shaking of the earth
- 9. Strong winds
- 10. For each one
- 11. A bog
- 12. The creation of beautiful or significant things
- 13. Affirmative

- 19. Pie ___ mode
- 21. Nonclerical
- 24. Inspirational football player Hamlin
- 25. Learning environment
- 26. Khoikhoi peoples
- 27. Bring out or develop
- 31. Shows up
- 32. Theatrical device
- 34. Loads
- 35. Popular Hollywood alien
- 36. Distinguishes
- 40. College dorm worker
- 41. Secondary or explanatory title
- 45. Resembling wings
- 47. One who delivers a speech
- 48. In the middle
- 52. Loop with a running knot
- 53. Airborne (abbr.)
- 54. Beloveds
- 56. Ordain
- 57. Breed of small cattle
- 59. Very small period of time (abbr.)
- 60. Revolutions per minute
- 61. They ___
- 62. Longtime ESPN anchor Bob
- 63. A place to stay

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things related to Indigenous Peoples. That's why we want to create the calendar. There are quite a few days to remember, like Indigenous Peoples Day, Red Dress Day, Orange Shirt Day, and then there's another day in October for Indigenous Sisters. We have to remember all of these different days."

In 2014, the RCMP acknowledged in a report that more than 1,200 Indigenous women were missing or murdered between 1980 and 2012. However, different Indigenous groups say the number is much higher, closer to 4,000. Under-reported violence against Indigenous women and girls is one reason for the disagreement.

The Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC) has sounded the alarm over figures from Statistics Canada that show Indigenous women are dealing with higher rates of violence. Records from 2004 show that Indigenous women fifteen years of age and older were 3.5 times more likely to experience violence than non-Indigenous women. In 2019, Statistics Canada showed that almost one in ten Indigenous women were victims of violence and that from 2015-2020, homicides with Indigenous victims were six times higher than non-Indigenous people.

An inquiry into the MMIWG was released in 2019. Over 2,300 people participated in the

truth-gathering process, and 231 calls to justice were recommended. Fifteen community hearings occurred from September 2016 to 2019, and 1484 family members and survivors shared their gut-wrenching testimonies.

Highway 16 in BC, near Prince George, is called the Highway of Tears by many. The 724 km stretch of the Yellowhead highway has been the site of many Indigenous victims. Twenty-three First Nations border the highway and the lack of public transportation results in high rates of hitchhiking. Human Rights Watch, a non-governmental organization focused on advocacy and research on human rights issues, said BC had the highest rate in Canada of unsolved murders of Indigenous women and girls.

In September last year, a monument was erected on Highway 16 called "Journey of Hope." The memorial is of a red dress with an Indigenous dancer silhouetted in front of it. It stands atop a pole, visible to all who drive by. The monument was initiated by the Prince George's Red Dress Society.

"It's an epidemic. There have been calls to action for so many years about this, and now people are listening. Before, those calls to action were largely ignored. Finally, in 2016, when they did the National Inquiry into this, it made it very clear that Canada has a problem and that Indigenous people are paying for it," said Myshyniuk.

She added that spreading awareness, just like the monument on the Highway of Tears, is a massive part of the conversation. "It leads along the path to truth and reconciliation. My biggest thing is that we can all be together as one nation and work together towards a better future for all mankind. None of this segregation and stuff like that. I think it's important for us to all work together as one."

Around forty people took part in the walk, which ran the perimeter of Festival Park Pond. "It's a day of mourning, honouring, and taking action to end the violence, which is so important to me. Not only for the Indigenous women and the atrocities being largely ignored for all these years, but it also has much to do with domestic violence. That's one thing that I am very set against. This fits right in with that. I'm really happy that several ladies from Wellspring will be joining us."

Myshyniuk said she hopes that people who don't know about the issue will look into it and learn more about it. "You owe it to yourselves, and you owe it to these victims to educate yourselves and learn more about it. They didn't just die for no reason. I think it's important to honour and remember them." Myshyniuk, on behalf of the Whitecourt Friendship Society board, thanks everyone for participating. "It means a lot to all of us in society. It shows support, and that is so important."

EYES ON HEALTH WORD SEARCH

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| ASTIGMATISM | DRYNESS | GRAVES | REDNESS |
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| CATARACTS | EYE | LOW VISION | STARGARDT |
| | | MYOPIA | UVEITIS |



A large group took part in the walk.



Walking together.

A group of residents came together last Friday under the hot sun to pay their respects for missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls. The Whitecourt Indigenous Friends Society held its first walk to honour and remember those tragically lost, joining thousands nationwide for National Day of Awareness & Action for MMIWG2S.

Whitecourt has an angel, and his name is Hayson

By Serena Lapointe

Hayson Lapointe is a smiley three-year-old boy. One of his favourite places to hang out is the small gazebo beside the splash pad at Festival Park. Along with his bright yellow walker, emblazoned with his name across the back bar, Hayson loves to explore the grounds, flashing his gigantic smile to anyone who walks past.

Hayson has Angelman Syndrome (AS), a severe neurological disorder. For short, many people refer to AS people as angels. Some of the syndrome's characteristics include developmental delays, epilepsy, and motor coordination and balance struggles. Angelman's is a seizure disorder that can be hard to treat and affects one in 15,000 births.

People with AS have an average life expectancy but need life-long support. With no cure known, and no treatments, families focus on intense therapies to help build functional skills and improve quality of life. Financial help for families is life-changing, but that kind of support requires funding. The Angelman Syndrome Foundation of Canada plays a significant role in supporting families and people living with AS.

Kirsten and her husband, Doug, have yet to use funding support from the foundation but do plan on it soon. "We haven't used them because we just aged out of AHS and are now in the school program. There

are lots of resources that we don't know about yet as he's getting older. We plan to apply to the fund in October for a safety sleeper bed. It's a fully enclosed bed that keeps him safe at night in case he has seizures and so that he doesn't get out of bed and get into things," explained Kirsten.

Hayson was first diagnosed with AS when he was fifteen months old. "At the beginning of COVID, my husband and I bought a house, and my sister came up to watch Hayson. She has four children, so she was experienced, and she said, you know, he's nine months and not sitting up. I said, I know, I have to get it checked out," recalled Kirsten.

A doctor visit led to a pediatrician and then to a geneticist, who tested Hayson. "By the time he was about a year, we got results that it was either Prader-Willi or Angelman's Syndrome. It's (PW) the same area in the fifteenth chromosome but a variation. Further testing was done, and we discovered it was AS."

Before the diagnosis, Kirsten said she had never heard of AS. Now that she does, she wants more people to know about it. "It's important that the community knows we have an angel here. There was a foster child in the community that had AS, and they were able to play together for a bit. But Hayson's the only one now. It's really rare."

On Saturday, June 3, Hayson, his mom and



Hayson is one of the happiest kids you'll ever meet.

Hayson Lapointe isn't letting Angelman Syndrome get him down. The super friendly youngster inspires all that no matter your struggles, you can do so with a smile.



Hayson and his mom, Kirsten.

dad, and their family and friends will walk in the 2023 Angelman Strong Walk to help raise funds for the AS Foundation. The walk will take place at the Edmonton Valley Zoo. "We went on the walk last year. In Northern Alberta, eleven angels were able to come, but there were probably 250 people that came and walked. It's a small community, but they are all amazing people, and they are so supportive."

Kirsten said anyone can help raise funds, whether

they want to walk or not. "We fundraise just like the MS or cancer walk, and it goes towards AS clinics, research and to the families. The families can apply twice a year to the AS fund and request funding for medical equipment like iPads to help with speech. Everybody that registers creates a team. Usually, the angel's family creates a team and then gets family or friends that want to join and walk. Anyone on the team can fundraise, and anyone can donate."

The link for donating is at the bottom of this article. Be mindful of upper and lower case letters when typing.

"Hayson's non-verbal. He does suffer from seizures, but he's happy 95 percent of the time. He cried maybe, five times, with actual tears, by the age of two," explained Kirsten. Some children with AS learn sign language, but other options are available. "We are working with a POD book. It's about an inch thick, and you can make

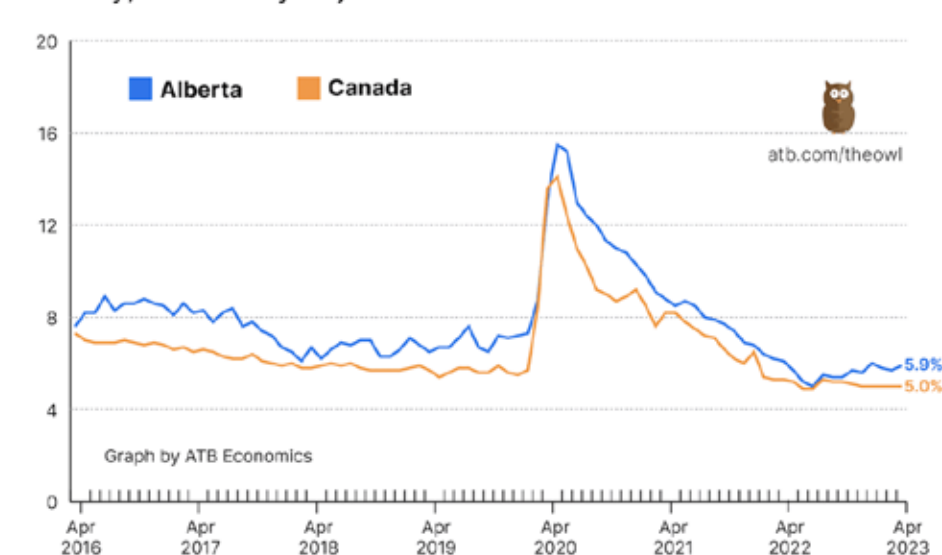
sentences from the pictures. It's "I want to," and then you flip to the section you want, like, "outside," "have a bath," or "go to sleep."

Kirsten said she is grateful to anyone donating to the fundraiser. They hope that with consistent support and therapy, Hayson will be able to walk on his own without a walker. "We know quite a few angels that had a walker for a few years, and they started around the same age as Hayson. They are now nine or ten and are walking independently. So, that's our goal. We want to get him there."

Hayson's fourth birthday is coming on July 13, but he might've already received the greatest gift he could've asked for. "His five-month-old sister, Emery, is his favourite person," smiled Kirsten. If residents spot Hayson in his yellow walker, name on the back, out at his favourite spot at Festival Park, be sure to say hello and flash him a big smile because you're guaranteed to get one in return. To donate to the Angelman Syndrome Foundation of Canada and support angels like Hayson, visit <https://www.canada-helps.org/me/nZMN-9f5V>. Be careful when typing as the upper and lower case letters have to be exactly as shown to work. As of Saturday, May 6, Hayson's fundraiser page shows they've raised \$270 out of their \$500 goal. The campaign ends on May 31.

Employment growth in Alberta paused in April

Unemployment rate Monthly, seasonally adjusted



By ATB Financial's Economics & Research Team

Employment in Alberta was little changed in April after six months of increases.

According to Statistics Canada's Labour Force Survey, seasonally-adjusted employment in the province decreased slightly by 0.1% (1,900 jobs) in April compared to a 0.6% (13,700) increase in March.

Full-time employment edged up by 0.2% (4,300) while part-time employment went down by 1.4% (6,300).

Despite the small loss, employment in Alberta was 3.2% (76,700) high-

er than it was in April 2022—the third strongest growth after Prince Edward Island (5.9%) and Newfoundland and Labrador (3.4%).

Alberta's unemployment rate increased from 5.7% in March to 5.9% in April.

Driven entirely by growth in part-time work, employment in Canada increased by 0.2% (41,400 jobs) in April. Part-time employment increased by 47,600 (1.3%) while full-time jobs decreased by 6,200 (0.04%).

The gain exceeded the expectations of analysts surveyed by Reuters who

pegged the monthly rise at 20,000.

The national economy has added 414,000 jobs since April 2022 for an increase of 2.1%. The national unemployment rate held steady at 5.0%, just above the record low of 4.9%.

Although the labour remained tight in April, weak GDP growth in 2023 is expected to start having a noticeably negative effect in the months ahead.

Monday's Owl will dig into employment trends by industry.

*The Labour Force Survey estimates for April are for the week of April 9 to 15, 2023.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEEK

MAY 8 – 12, 2023

Whitecourt Town Council encourages the citizens of Whitecourt to recognize May 8 – 12 as Economic Development Week. Economic Developers work throughout the province, region and community to promote the economic well-being and quality of life for their communities by creating, retaining, and expanding jobs that facilitate growth, enhance wealth, and provide a stable tax base. Locally, the Economic Development team works closely with new and existing businesses to support them in multiple ways along with promoting Whitecourt and area for business attraction. During this Economic Development Week, take time to appreciate the efforts made to expand career opportunities and improve quality of life in our region.



EQUIPMENT AUCTION

The following pieces of equipment will be auctioned in May on the www.govdeals.com website:

- 2015 Asphalt Hotbox/Reclaimer/Recycle – Keizer Morris
- 2007 Tree Spade – Baumlight
- 1990 Champion 500 Series Tractor Attachment – Ice Resurfer
- 1995 Home Made Trailer (Not Road Worthy)

Auction Opens: May 1, 2023 **Auction Closes:** May 11, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

For further details on this opportunity, visit our website www.whitecourt.ca.

NOTICE OF DECISIONS

The following decisions were made by the Municipal Planning Commission:

Application 23-033: 46 Ravine Drive – Secondary Suite – Approved with conditions
Application 23-021: 5419 45 Street – Home Occupation – Massage/Osteopath Office – Approved with conditions

Date of Decision: April 27, 2023 **Appeal Closes at 4:00pm:** May 19, 2023

The following decision was made by the Development Authority:

Application 23-042: 31 Chaisson Crossing, Lot 8, Block 15, Plan 772 2180 – Administrative Variance Lot Coverage (41%) – Approved with conditions

Date of Decision: April 26, 2023 **Appeal Closes at 4:00pm:** May 17, 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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PUBLIC NOTICE

ANC Timber Ltd. 2023 HERBICIDE APPLICATION PROJECT

Please be advised that ANC Timber Ltd. is looking for input on their upcoming herbicide application program for 2023. ANC Timber Ltd. will be conducting both aerial and ground herbicide application programs between August 6th and September 20th, 2023. The application will treat approximately 1500 hectares of existing cutover area. The applications will be in portions of:

Township	Ranges	Meridian
48	12, 13, 14, 15	W5M
49	12, 13, 14, 15	W5M
50	13, 14	W5M
58	18, 19, 20, 21, 25	W5M
59	17, 18, 23, 24	W5M
60	17, 23, 24	W5M
61	22	W5M
62	22	W5M

Both the aerial and ground herbicide applications will be done using VisionMax[®] silviculture herbicide. The purpose of the applications is to control grass and shrub species that are limiting the survival chances of our planted seedlings on recent harvested areas. Access to all areas will be posted with signs upon completion and all applications will be done in accordance with Alberta Agriculture and Forestry regulations and the Environmental Code of Practice for Pesticides.

For more information, please contact an ANC Timber Ltd. representative at (780) 778-7017 or visit ANC's 2023 Virtual Open House at <http://www.albertanewsprint.com/woodlands/>.

WHITECOURT FREE CLEAN UP WEEK MAY 9-13

To assist you with your spring cleaning, the Town of Whitecourt will be offering free disposal at the Whitecourt Regional Landfill from May 9-13, 2023.

Excludes industrial and commercial customers.

FREE Clean Up Week is offered to Whitecourt residents only.

DROP OFF DAY PREP

Whitecourt residents will be required to show their Landfill Access Tag to receive free disposal. Two pieces of identification showing your **Whitecourt** street address will also be accepted (i.e. driver's licence, tax notice, utility bill, etc.).

All items must be sorted, and bagged or bundled for disposal.

Residents will be responsible for unpacking and placing items in designated areas at the Landfill so be sure to wear appropriate footwear for the Landfill.

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Tuesday, May 9 to Saturday, May 13
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TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT Saturday, May 6 and Sunday, May 7

Visit www.whitecourt.ca for details on both initiatives.

2023 By-election Catholic School Trustee Opportunity

Two Trustees for the Whitecourt Ward

Eligibility Requirements:

- A Roman Catholic
- A Catholic School supporter
- A resident within the jurisdiction of the Living Waters Catholic
- School Division school board
- At least 18 years of age

The **deadline for nominations is May 23, 2023 at noon**. Please note that nominations are to be submitted at the Living Waters Board Office in Whitecourt (4204 Kepler St.).

For more information about being a Trustee, you may contact one of the following:

Returning Officer: Bryan Turner
bryan.turner@livingwaters.ab.ca
 Ph. 780-778-5666

Superintendent: Jo-Anne Lanctot
jo-anne.lanctot@livingwaters.ab.ca
 Ph. 780-778-5666

More information and nomination packages are also available at www.livingwaters.ab.ca



FORM 3 Notice of Nomination Day
Local Authorities Election Act (Section 26)

LOCAL JURISDICTION: Living Waters Catholic Separate Regional Division, PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

Notice is hereby given that Nomination Day is May 23, 2023 and that nominations for the
Date
 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 April 22, 2023
Date
 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:

Living Waters Catholic Separate School Division
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On Wednesday afternoon, Shirley Beaulac was out prepping her garden plots at the Whitecourt Community Garden. The Town will fill the giant water container in the garden soon, but Beaulac was so eager to get going that she brought her own water bucket down. The summer-like temperatures were too good to resist. "I love the garden. When I moved to Whitecourt eight years ago, I joined the garden to meet people. My husband is RCMP, and we moved from Cold Lake," said Beaulac. "You meet lots of people here, and it's also a great place to sit down and relax. We see all kinds of wildlife." Beaulac said she and her husband had enjoyed picnics in the fenced garden space, calling it a beautiful spot. Benches are inside the fence for anyone to sit and take in the surroundings, with some flanking the rows and others at the end, circling what looked like a fruit tree. "We have a lady here, Mother Linda (Ward), that knows everything and her plants are always the best. I think she talks to them," chuckled Beaulac, adding, "I always tell her to talk to mine." She said those new to gardening can learn a lot from the other gardeners, making it an enjoyable and fulfilling experience. Each plot features different plants, depending on what the gardener chose. For Beaulac, peas, carrots, onions, and beets are her favourites. Those interested in having a plot this year can call the AJMC or visit <http://www.whitecourtcommunitygarden.com> to see if any spots are up for grabs. Repairs and upgrades in the garden will be taking place over the next few weeks.

NOTICE OF DECISION

The following development permits have been conditionally approved under the provisions of the Land Use Bylaw.

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION	LOCATION	PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT	DATE OF DECISION	APPEAL DEADLINE
15-019-23	PT NE 19-58-11-W5M Lot 13 Block 1 Plan 102-5167	Dwelling: house with attached garage and Accessory Building: garage/workshop	4-May-23	25-May-23
15-023-23	PT SE 4-59-11-W5M Lot 8A Block 1 Plan 012-0412	Accessory Building: workshop	4-May-23	25-May-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. of the appeal date noted above.**

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

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Bylaw 597/23 – Advertising

Date: Wednesday, June 7, 2023, 5:30 pm
Location: Woodlands County, Whitecourt Municipal Office, Council Chambers

Pursuant to the Municipal Government Act (the Act), s. 606.1, Advertisement Bylaw, Woodlands County Council is considering a bylaw to advertise municipal notices in local newspapers in a condensed manner and in full on its municipal website.

Woodlands County recognizes its public acquires municipal information from various sources, both print and electronic. Woodlands County proposes a hybrid advertising model to publish all municipal notices online and supporting fiscal responsibility by publishing print notifications in a condensed manner. The condensed versions of the notices provide general information

of the notice and direct the public where to gain more details, if interested, via the website and/or municipal office.

The proposed bylaw can be viewed at <https://bit.ly/3p7qhl2> or obtained at Woodlands County offices.

Electors who wish to file a petition with respect to this proposed bylaw must comply with Part 7 of the Act. The petition must be filed on or before **June 6, 2023, 4:30 pm.**

Questions? Feedback? Contact us:
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4°C
NW 8 km/h
1-3mm



Wed., May 10
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N 9 km/h
2-4mm



Thu., May 11
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20%
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6°C
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The carnival arrived last week and brought exciting experiences for families to share, making memories to last a lifetime. The three-day stopover featured beautiful weather, which brought out large crowds.

Robert John Hawkins

May 29, 1946 – March 30, 2023

It is with heavy hearts that the family of Robert John Hawkins announce his peaceful passing at the Whitecourt Healthcare Centre on March 30, 2023 at the age of 76 years after a short and courageous battle with brain cancer.

Rob was a warm, gentle soul. A positive ray of light who always made a person feel appreciated and loved. His friendly smiles would light up a room, always thankful and grateful for those he knew and what he had in his life. Never shy to give you a hug, he was good natured, friendly, respectful and outgoing. He had a great sense of humour. Rob was always the happiest when spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. We were blessed to have him in our lives.

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Predeceased by his daughter Marie Hawkins; parents, Edmund and Molly Hawkins; sister-in-law, Helene Hawkins and father-in-law, Nick Preyma. Also predeceased by his first wife, Dorothy, mother of his two children.

Our heartfelt thanks to Dr. Jane, MRPCN, Whitecourt Cancer & Wellness, University of Alberta Hospital, Cross Cancer Institute, Whitecourt Healthcare Centre, Whitecourt Home Care and our family and friends for the care and compassion given to us on our journey.

Cremation has taken place and a Celebration of Rob's Life will be held on Saturday August 5, 2023 at the Hawkins acreage in Whitecourt, AB.

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Whitecourt Legion and a bit of the surrounding streets (52 Avenue and 49 Street) allowed downtown businesses to stay open late, if they chose, and cater to the large contingent of residents and town visitors as they were out experiencing all the carnival had to offer.

The excitement kicked off on Friday at 3 pm, just as school-aged children were preparing to hop onto their buses and head home, eager to change and head back out with their families. Numerous crowd-favourites were in this year's carnival, including the Expo wheel, Tilt-A-Whirl, the Yo-Yo

swings, the Spider, and the Treasure Island discovery zone featuring two netted bridges, inflatable stairs and a gigantic, enclosed slide leading from the top back to the ground below.

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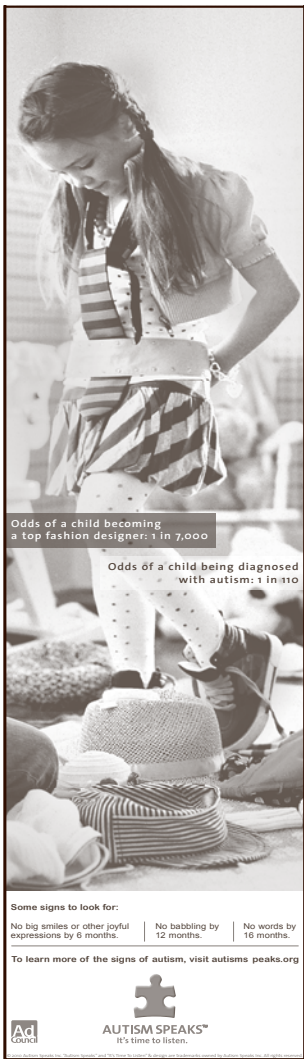
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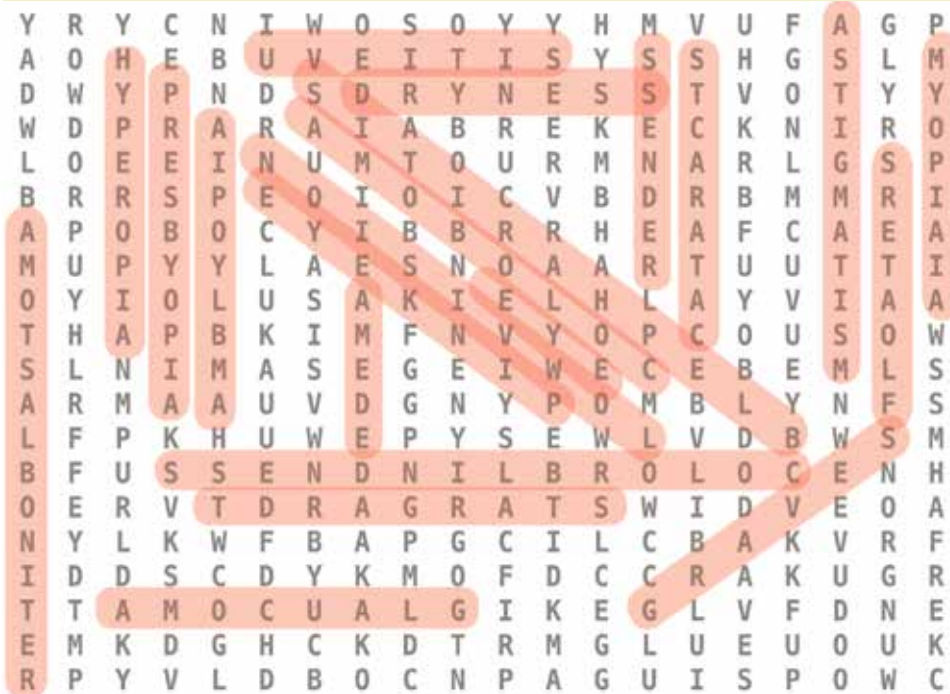
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Pure joy!

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nival, a big, adult-sized roller coaster is too much to ask for, but for the children, the Dragon Coaster brings the exhilaration of a giant version in one tiny package. The Expo Wheel, a bucket design with an umbrella-like top, spun consistently. The blue, yellow, purple, and orange buckets carried smiling carnival goers all weekend, giving riders a great view of the downtown.

The carousel was a hot spot of activity, with a vibrant blue canopy and intricate artwork on the horses and benches. Youngsters, often with a parent in tow, squealed with glee as they rode their horses around and around. Being a mainstay and usually the most popular ride of the carnival, the carousel did not disappoint. Several adults got in the fun, even those without kids in tow. There's something magical about the carousel and no age limit for a reason!

This year, a new ride to the Whitecourt carnival allowed children to hop into a mini construction vehicle like a dump truck. Called the Construction Zone, the ride had fun animated characters, like bears and a beaver, on a painted backdrop, which was a great addition to the experience. The set rose

from the ground, higher than the ride, and featured cranes, buildings, and fences under construction.

On top of the excitement on the rides or in the games along the midway, the carnival is also known for its food. There was something for everyone to indulge in, from candy apples to funnel cakes, mini donuts, slushies, cotton candy, and snow cones. Families used Friendship Park, or grass spots along the downtown edges, to sit together and eat.

The water bomber was spotted a couple of times, flying above the carnival, low enough for children to point skyward in awe at the gigantic plane. Eyes watched as it passed, banking sharply, reminding those below of the fires raging throughout the province, including nearby, requiring it to be in action.

As the sun dipped lower in the sky, the lights of the carnival came to life. Once dulled by the brightness of the day, the darkness brought a new feel to the experience, with lights glowing on every attraction. Midway lights, dashing from side to side or flickering, danced on the pavement and in the eyes of those playing. Squeals could be heard from one end of the carnival to the other until the moment it closed. You can't beat the carnival!



Going for a swing.



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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- **Job# 23-024**, Whitecourt Transit Drivers, Casual Positions

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Tim Hortons in Whitecourt is looking to fill the following positions:

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**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

Language: English

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

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

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

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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.

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

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