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(Left - Tony Sgro, Kyria Baranowski). See story page 7.

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Rosella and Georgina Sewi. See story page 3.



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Growing the exposure of Indigenous culture in Whitecourt through traditional teachings



Georgina teaching a young learner.

By Serena Lapointe

On Saturday, May 27, Rosella Sewi and her mother, Georgina Sewi, travelled from Grande Prairie to Whitecourt to hold a traditional beading class at the Whitecourt & District Public Library. Along with Rosella's cousin, local Loreen Beaverho, the group of three led a traditional class, teaching attendees how to do the time-honoured craft.

Beaverho had previously held a ribbon skirt-making class and said she was looking for more things she could bring forward to share her culture with area residents. "I was thinking about what we could do to increase the cultural learning and exposure to Indigenous culture in Whitecourt." She said that sharing Indigenous culture is part of truth and reconciliation as it helps strengthen the culture by being open and educating people.

"One of the things I've noticed in Whitecourt is that it lacks Indigenous exposure and culture. I was getting creative and thinking about what we could do that we had yet to see in town. Beading is common, and it's normal to see classes happening in our Indigenous communities. I thought it would be a good idea to expose the town of Whitecourt to it and show them that this is what we do back home."

When she thought about a beading class, Beaverho said she knew exactly who to contact. "I reached out to Rosella. We are from the same territory; she and my cousin sew and bead together. There's nobody else that I would ask, and she was the perfect fit for it. She was willing to come and was excited. We

are even more blessed to have an elder here today. I wasn't expecting that."

Elder Georgina Sewi made the trip with her daughter and was equally excited to participate in the class. Rosella said that her mom didn't teach her how to bead, explaining that her grandmother was the main person in her life teaching her. Beaverho explained that in their culture, the grandparents, the elders, are the ones who teach their grandchildren. "We gain those teachings from our grandparents. Our parents are not responsible for teaching us the cultural aspects. It's our elders and our grandparents. That's a custom and a kinship system within our culture," explained Beaverho.

Rosella said sharing teachings with her mother was special, but she also called it bittersweet. "I don't have my grandmother anymore, and that's the number one person who taught me everything I know. My mother didn't really teach me much. To bring her along knowing that she has a lot of knowledge that I didn't even know, it's a learning curve for me." Beaverho explained that the "kinship system" within their culture means that her mom is responsible for sharing the knowledge to her children and that one day, Beaverho will be accountable for teaching the culture to her grandchildren. "The same goes with the fathers and their sons and grandsons."

With a radio station from back home in the Northwest Territories playing in the background, CKLB FM Rosella said the class went very well. "It was exciting. I love teaching, whether it's beading, putting things together, or

Traditional beading is a big part of the Indigenous culture. Intricately sewn designs take years of practice to achieve and patient hands to complete. Three generous Indigenous women recently spent a Saturday sharing their culture with an eager class of learners, keen on absorbing all they had to teach them.

even teaching myself how to do things. So, getting to bring that forward to people who don't know exactly what or anything about what they are doing is ... I don't know how to express how it feels. It's very overwhelming and exciting, and it feels good."

Several youths in the class, along with the adults, were eager to learn the traditional art. Rosella said she was impressed with how well they did. "It was very interesting to see how much they grew in the few hours they were here. There are some young ones that did very well." Both women said that those new to the art had more growth within the first hour of the class. "Once they got the momentum going, they kept it up," said Rosella.

Participants chose a pre-drawn design, the colours of their seed beads and the colour of the upper (top of a mukluk). Within half an hour of the six-hour class starting, everyone was beading and figuring out how best to hold everything. The group used two needles to lock each bead into place tightly. "The only time they needed our help was when their thread was getting in knots; other than that, they were pretty independent. It was amazing," she added. "They never complained. When you're learning traditional teachings, it's always best to not complain and to watch and learn," said Rosella.

With another class (ribbon skirt making) happening on June 10, Beaverho said she looks forward to continuing to bring her culture forward for residents to learn about and enjoy. "People are curious. I've had groups, like teachers or companies, asking if they can bring a

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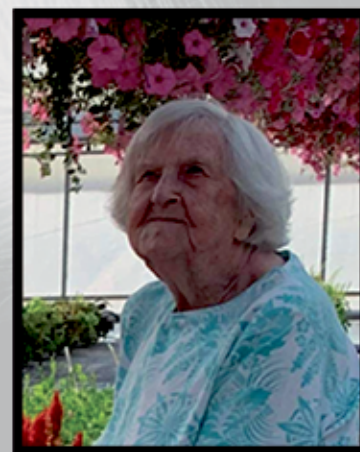
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Dorothy Mysbynuik (Nee Robinson)

February 24, 1929- December 17, 2022

Dorothy Mysbynuik passed away suddenly, on December 17, 2022, in Penticton, British Columbia. Her birthday in February would have marked her 94th year.

Dorothy was born in Unity, Saskatchewan, on February 24, 1929. As a toddler she moved to Alberta; first to Rat Lake, then to St. Paul and landed in Elk Point. She worked hard as a child, with chores



fine home and worked hard on the farm. She picked berries, canned goods, chased cattle, milked cows, churned butter, made bread; and on special occasions she made doughnuts (Oh those doughnuts.) Feeding the family was hard work, but there was always room for others at the Mysbynuik table. Especially if they wanted to play a hand or two of Canasta. All those years of hard work paid off as she had

a long, full and happy life. Dorothy is survived by her children, Albert, Darlene, Joe (Laurieann), Ricky, and Ron; 13 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Dorothy was predeceased her husband, Matt Mysbynuik; her mother, Mabel Robinson her mother's partner Will Knuff; sister, Della Povaschuk; brother, Norman Robinson; their children, Michael, Andy, twins Donnie and Donna, and Fred; her son-in-law, Don Sutherland (Darlene); daughter-in-law, Velma (Ricky.) Dorothy will be missed by her family, and as a long-time resident of Whitecourt, she will be missed by many friends. A service and celebration of life will be held on June 2nd, 2023, at the Whitecourt Seniors Circle

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation, in her name, to Diabetes Canada.

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class like this to their work and get the staff involved, and yes, they can."

She said the more exposure she can bring to her culture and the more she can share it with others,

the more growth there will be. "It's like a community that's forming. It's small right now but bigger than it was two years ago. It will continue to grow and build," said Beaverho.

Those interested in attending a traditional beading class are encouraged to contact Loreen Beaverho on Facebook. The June 10 ribbon skirt class still had openings as of early June.

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Freshly painted lines and traffic back on Dahl Drive



Traffic up and down Dahl Drive slowed to a snail's pace last week as construction on the hill occurred. Defects at the pavement joints and seams needed to be fixed and fell under warranty from work previously completed. To get the job done, Dahl Drive had to be shut down to one lane of traffic for several days, causing a backlog of motorists at the IGA streetlights as drivers looped around the cut-across to get uptown. With work completed, line painting began, and drivers could use all four lanes on Dahl Drive again.

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Dewey James Smith

November 4, 1939- November 3, 2022

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday 17th of June, 2023 at the Whitecourt Seniors Circle at 2:00 PM friend and family are asked to come join in remembering Dewey's life. Luncheon to follow service. In lieu of tributes, donations may be made to STARS, 1441 Aviation Park NE, Box 570 Calgary, Alberta, T2E 8M7 or to the Friends of Whitecourt Society Box 1101 Whitecourt, Alberta, T7S 1P.



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**NOTICE OF DECISION**

The following decisions were made by the Municipal Planning Commission:

Application 23-052: 4703 52 Avenue – Variance to remove the requirement for off-street parking – Approved with conditions.

Date of Decision: May 25, 2023 **Appeal Closes at 4:00pm:** June 15, 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.

**NOTICE TO TOWN OF
WHITECOURT RATEPAYERS**

The 2023 Combined Assessment and Tax Notices for the Town of Whitecourt were mailed on May 5, 2023. Due to delays at the Alberta Land Titles Office the Town of Whitecourt's recent ownership and mailing address changes may not be reflected on the Combined Assessment and Tax Notice. Please see www.whitecourt.ca for further details. If you have not yet received your notice please contact the Tax Department at 780-778-2273, as you are still responsible for the timely payment of your taxes.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

June 30, 2023, with the exception of those ratepayers on the Tax Installment Plan, full payment of your taxes must be received at the Town Office, or postmarked prior to 4:30 p.m., to avoid penalties. Please make payment in person, by mail or through your banking institution.

July 11, 2023, is the deadline to submit your assessment complaint. Written complaints must be submitted on the prescribed form and accompanied with the appropriate fee to the Town Office. It is strongly advised that you speak with the Assessor to answer any questions you might have regarding your assessment prior to submitting a formal assessment complaint.

CALL FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS

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

- **Call for Photographers** - Closes: June 16, 2023 at 12:00 noon

For further details on this opportunity, visit www.whitecourt.ca and search the project title.

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The program is intended for driveways in areas with high profile of older, rolled curb and gutter which create a harsh entrance into private driveways.

The program application for 2023 must be completed, signed and submitted with a minimum \$500.00 deposit prior to June 16, 2023 to be considered for replacement in the current calendar year.

Program information and an application form may be found on the Town's website at www.whitecourt.ca or by contacting:

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Delicious Fundraiser Raises More Money Than Whitecourt's Population, Giving Everyone a Reason to 'Smile'

By Serena Lapointe

Each year, Tim Hortons holds its Smile Cookie Campaign, a week-long fundraiser with proceeds staying local to the community each purchase is made in. This year was the first time the event wasn't held in the fall, with this year's campaign running at the beginning of May. Franchises across Canada and the United States participate, with over 600 local community groups and charities benefiting from the fun, each handpicked by franchise owners.

Tony Sgro, the owner of both Whitecourt Tim Hortons restaurants, has enjoyed participating in the Smile Cookie Campaign since 2010. For years, the campaign has benefited one very deserving local group; the Boys & Girls Club of Whitecourt & District (BGC). "We have a long-standing partnership, and they do some really great work for the community. We are always happy to partner with them," said Sgro.

"They have youth programs that keep our kids off the streets and get them working on productive things, which helps out, and they do wonderful work keeping the kids busy and teaching them skills they will need in life." When asked how long the partnership has been running, Sgro said it predates his involvement with Tim Hortons. Kyria Baranowski, Executive Director of BGC Whitecourt and District, said it also predates her time with the club. "I started in 2018, and I have records that go back to 2014, so I know it's been since 2014 at least."

This year's total of \$10,663.56 is a whopper that neither Sgro nor Baranowski could've imag-

ined. "This is the biggest donation we've ever made. Our Smile Cookie Campaign was wonderful this year. The outcropping of support from the community was superb. It's great to be able to give back to the community like this," said Sgro.

Baranowski said it was double what they'd received in the past. "It's normally around four thousand, and I think I've seen as high as six thousand or close to it, but I've never seen double digits before. It's insurmountable." Many businesses purchased bulk orders during the week-long Smile Cookie Campaign, helping ramp up the fundraiser dollars. "Pembina Pipelines is usually one of the big donors. Whitecourt Ford purchased for all the kids in the community at all the schools. I think it was 1,700 cookies that they bought," said Sgro.

RE/MAX was another big buyer, purchasing cookies for their realtors.

"It brings a smile to the office and everybody else, and the money returns to a great cause. Money spent in Whitecourt stays in Whitecourt," said Baranowski. She said that everyone who sees the decorated cookies smiles, and those who receive them, smile, and in the end, with the delivery of a big check, many other people get to smile too. "It truly is a smile campaign."

During the week, Baranowski and staff and a couple of volunteers helped ice up as many cookies as possible. "This was our first year where we got to get into the kitchen and ice cookies. We've never pulled a shift at Tim Hortons for any of us on any day of our lives. It was a great opportunity to get to know the people behind the counter, see how well of a well-oiled machine both of these locations are, and get to know the people serving our food and who we often pick up our morning coffee from. Now we get

to know them on a first-name basis."

Sgro said having BGC staff in his locations helping prep cookies was a delight. "It's great to have that interaction between the staff and our community partners. The staff love it. The Smile Cookie Program is one of our favourites every year." He chuckled that he would hire any of the BGC staff. "They are all qualified now."

The \$10,663.56 is huge for the Boys and Girls Club. As unrestricted funds, the club can use it in any way, unlike grants which must only be used for specific things. "People are always excited to support kids and get on board, but not everyone understands that we must pay qualified staff to run these programs. Money like this allows us to make sure we keep our doors open and that our staff are still working, and our staff have the ability with the funding behind them to develop

these youth programs," explained Baranowski. "Anywhere from seventy to eighty percent of our annual costs are staffing."

Many grants don't cover staffing but instead cover supplies or specific purchases. "With a cheque for ten thousand dollars, we are going to be able to pay somebody to come in, plan the programming, and also have the money needed to purchase the food that they need for it and the supplies, transportation costs, and the hidden admin fees like insurance, and office supplies," said Baranowski.

She called their partnership with Tim Hortons beautiful and said the club is honoured to be their choice for the Smile Cookie Campaign. "The people managing both Tim Hortons locations here in town are wonderful. This was the most amazing team-building experience we've had as staff and volunteers in a long time." At \$1.50 a piece, that means over

seven thousand cookies were sold between the two Whitecourt Tim Hortons locations, and more dollars were raised than the town's population.

"I would like to thank the entire community for coming together for a campaign like this, from Tim Hortons and the staff working here to the businesses that purchased bulk orders and the individuals who ordered a cookie for their child in the backseat as they went through the drive-thru; every dollar spent makes a difference towards our club. It's hard to put that into words," said Baranowski. Sgro said he echoed her words, adding that he and his staff were "thrilled to be part of the community and to have them step up the way they have this year. What a wonderful experience. It feels great to give back."

With summer beverages out, like the Sparkling Quenches, Sgro and his staff are looking forward to a great summer at Tims. The Boys and Girls Club is also looking forward to summer and has summer programming on the way from July 4 to August 31. "These dollars will allow us to take the kids out of town and into the city to experience new things. Many of our children coming to the club, especially those subsidized, don't have the funds available at home to go to the bowling alley or the trampoline park. To know that parents can apply for subsidized childcare, which is what we offer the community, and have their children be able to experience these things, and maybe even their first time on a school bus, and to experience something we don't have here in Whitecourt is exciting for them and us."



Talk about a great reason to smile! The Whitecourt Boys and Girls Club have a gigantic check hanging on their wall from this year's Tim Hortons Smile Cookie Campaign. Thousands more were raised than any previous year, and every dollar raised stays here in the community. The big check is now hanging proudly at the Boys & Girls Club.

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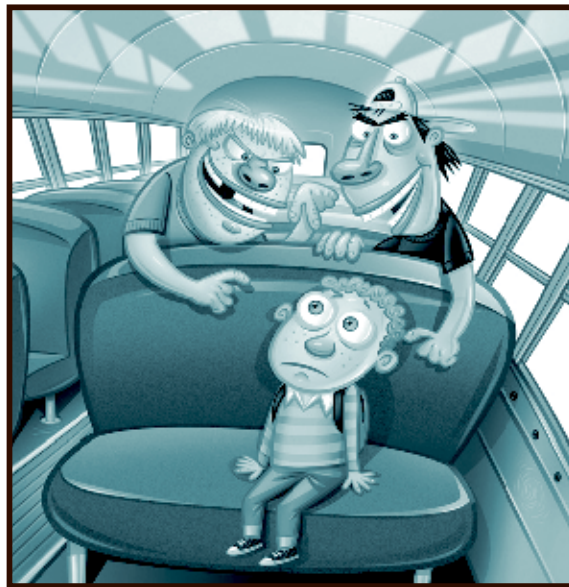


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A look at the local weather

	Tue., June 06	Wed., June 07	Thu., June 08	Fri., June 09	Sat., June 10
P.O.P.	Sunny	Mainly sunny	Mainly sunny	A Few showers	Risk of a thunderstorm
High	10%	10%	10%	60%	60%
Low	21°C	25°C	27°C	24°C	25°C
Wind	8°C	12°C	14°C	14°C	14°C
24-Hr Rain / Snow	W 8 km/h	W 7 km/h	E 15 km/h ~1mm	E 14 km/h ~15mm	E 20 km/h 5-10mm

Countdown begins: Lemonade Day approaches

By Serena Lapointe

In a little over a week, area youth will be putting up lemonade stands across the region. June 17 is Lemonade Day for Community Futures, and the Yellowhead East region (Whitecourt, Swan Hills, Fox Creek, Woodlands County, Mayerthorpe, Lac Ste. Anne County, Barrhead, County of Barrhead, Alberta Beach and Onoway) has a bunch of young entrepreneurs eager to see their projects through to completion.

Lemonade Day has been happening since 2007, when it launched in Houston, Texas. Since its humble beginnings, Lemonade Day has grown from one city with 2,700 participants to over a million children across the United States and Canada. Each year, the project reaches more and more children allowing them to learn about owning a business by running a lemonade stand.

Community Futures joined forces with Lemonade Day in 2018,



Lilian Wisser and Lemmy are both excited for Lemonade Day!

Release the lemonade stand entrepreneurs! On June 17, youths part of Lemonade Day will be set up through the municipality, selling their homemade lemonade concoctions. The program teaches kids valuable lessons on starting a business.

spreading to twelve Northern Alberta Community Futures regions by 2021. The pandemic squashed growth for a bit, but the number of partic-

ipants has significantly jumped this year, with 1299 youth registered in Northern Alberta alone (300+ more than last year), 110 of them within the Yellowhead East region. In Whitecourt, 26 children are registered. Fox Creek has ten listed, and Blue Ridge and Mayerthorpe have three.

"The youth who participate in Lemonade Day get several benefits from the experience. They get to build a business and see what it takes. They go to the town office and get a business license, and they have to get a lease at a business they set up in front of. They also receive training," said Lilian Wisser, Project Coordinator for CFYE.

With workbooks for extra support, youth learn what it takes to start a lemonade business, including creating their signature drink. Over the years, youth have gotten creative, making various kinds of lemonade to sell, with some even selling cookies. Every dollar the youth make is theirs,

with one gently placed string. They are asked to spend some, save some and share some.

"We teach them to spend some money on themselves, share some money with an organization (like a soup kitchen or shelter) and save some too. Some kids picked a trip to Disneyland or Mexico as something to save for. I had one kid say that his classmate was sick, and he wanted to donate to her. I thought that was really sweet. He said it would help her and make her happy. I was trying not to cry," smiled Wisser.

On Saturday, June 17, judges, which include town councillors, will go out and taste test the creations and hand out three prizes: Best Tasting Lemonade, Best Stand and Entrepreneur of the Year. Wisser said they are always looking for sponsorships for the prizes or supporting the setup. "You can sponsor an individual kid for their booth, which can be \$50 or whatever, something that

helps them get supplies for running the booth, like cups and jugs, or even supplying the supplies to make the booth."

Wisser said the process is a great learning experience for several reasons. "They learn that they can't just start a business because many steps are involved. But it goes beyond that too. Anything they do in life will need planning and for them to see it through. So, it's good to see that kids are taking what they learned during the Lemonade Day University and are excited about doing it."

The training days have since passed, and the registration deadline has officially closed, but Wisser said any last-minute stragglers can still jump on board and join the fun. "The kids I've talked to that have done it before have gotten to see how much money they can make, and kids like money. But they also work hard to get it and learn a lot."

She said she encourages residents to check out

<https://lemonadeday.org/northern-alberta> to see where the stands will be set out on Lemonade Day so that they can show support to the young entrepreneurs. Stands will continue to register and be added to the list up until the big day. "I think it'll be great for people to go out into the community and support these kids because they are our future entrepreneurs and are the ones who will keep things going as they grow up. I think that's important."

Once the day wraps up, participants can upload their results for the chance at a regional prize. "Once they've figured out their expenses and profits, they can also upload that information towards a national prize. It's pretty neat," said Wisser. From financial literacy and economics to life skills and personal development, the Lemonade Day program is fun and educational. Those interested in signing up can call 780-706-3500.

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