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Annette Kay and Jeannine Steinke planted garden plots for the food bank.

By Serena Lapointe

The Community Garden on the edge of Festival Park, near the blue, metal Air Cadets Squadron building by the parking lot, is in full bloom. Gardeners can

regularly be seen working in their plots, caring for their growing plants, and collecting harvests of delicious vegetables. There are many plots within the confines of the fence surrounding

the garden expanse, and anyone in the community can rent one.

Most years, much of the garden is rented by residents and groups.

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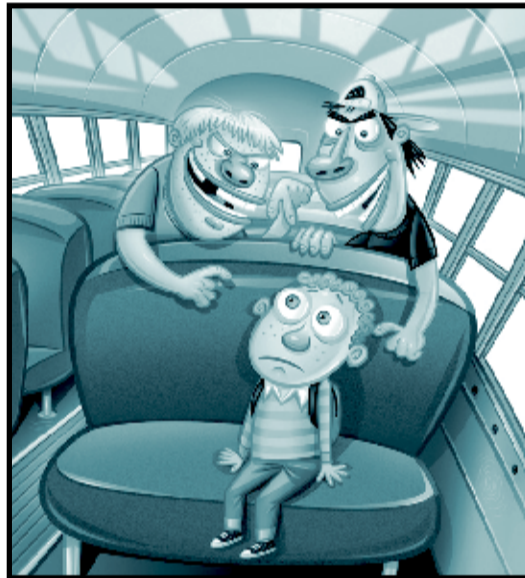


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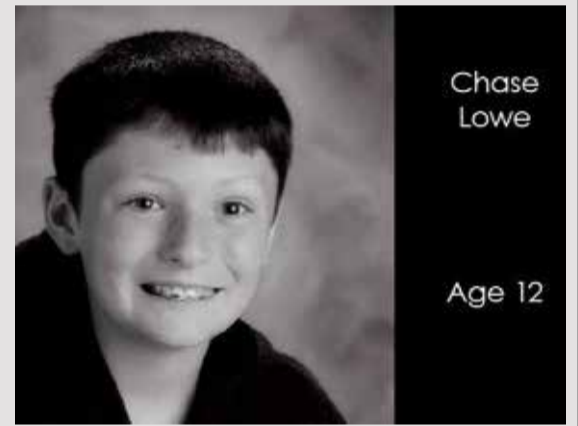


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Chase Lowe

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PUZZLES

SEE SOLUTIONS PAGE 15



SUDOKU

8								5	
6	4								2
	7		6	5				1	3
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9			2	4					
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Level: Intermediate

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!

CROSSWORDS

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Crossword Clues

CLUES ACROSS

- Commoner
- Tea leaf
- They save you a table
- Submissions
- Secretly revealed
- Personification of the sea (Norse)
- Unreal
- No seats available
- Bangladeshi currency
- Leaders
- Famed garden
- Denotes past
- Not living
- Midway between south and southeast
- Small island (British)
- Woman (French)
- Wife

- Two-toed sloth
- Blood group
- Soaks
- Biu-Mandara language of Cameroon
- Japanese prefecture
- Place to be during a rock concert
- Fully grown humans
- Emaciation
- Sparkling
- Fruits you peel
- Derived from a noun
- Popular items to grill
- Port in Yemen

CLUES DOWN

- Before
- Actress Dunham
- This (Spanish)
- Director Peter

- Dominant
- English artists' society (abbr.)
- NY Giants legend
- It's in the ground
- No No No
- Pesky insect
- Danish-American muckraking journalist
- Kids love to do it
- Good Gosh!
- Fakes
- A citizen of Denmark
- Mystic syllable
- Commercial
- Letter of the Hebrew alphabet
- Helpers
- Water (French)
- Young woman
- Red-brown sea bream
- Messenger ribonucleic acid
- Comprehends
- Walk with confidence
- Home of the Flyers
- Appetizer
- News organization
- Source of the Nile
- A way to march
- Soluble ribonucleic acid
- Egyptian bull-god
- Children's author Blyton
- Baseball pitching stat
- Rude young person
- Table napkin
- Monetary unit in Asia
- One-time AL MVP Vaughn

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ARIES

(March 21 - April 20)



Sometimes you feel a need to be in charge to prove that you are capable, Aries. This week take a back seat and fall in line with the established modus operandi.

TAURUS

(April 21 - May 21)



You may get into the habit of focusing on past mistakes, Taurus. This week, instead of falling into old habits, think about how you can grow and learn from your mistakes.

GEMINI

(May 22 - June 21)



Gemini, it's time to be sociable and put out feelers for different adventures. Make sure you share on social media channels that you're available and ready to have fun.

CANCER

(June 22 - July 22)



Cancer, keep track of your mood this week, as it is easy to swing from glad to glum in no time at all. Friends can help keep you on a more even keel for the time being.

LEO

(July 23 - August 23)



Leo, a refreshing sense of energy comes your way, and you start to jump head-first into all of those projects that have been pushed aside. You'll sail through tasks in no time flat.

VIRGO

(August 24 - September 22)



An interesting travel opportunity comes your way, Virgo. However, at first glance it might not seem like the type of trip you would normally take. Keep an open mind and be surprised.

LIBRA

(September 23 - October 23)



Treat yourself to something special in the days to come, Libra. Perhaps it is a costly fragrance you've been spying or a new piece of furniture. You earned the indulgence.

SCORPIO

(October 24 - November 22)



It's time to take your foot off the gas and slow down to a crawl, Scorpio. A well deserved break should be on your itinerary; otherwise, you may burn through all of your fuel prematurely.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)



Sagittarius, teamwork is the answer right now, especially when your to-do list seems to be growing exponentially. Recruit some close confidantes to help you along the way.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)



Make your career a priority this week, Capricorn. You may be feeling unsettled where you are now. There is no saying where things will go, so exercise caution when making decisions.

AQUARIUS

(January 21 - February 18)



Aquarius, wanderlust is on your brain. You've been fantasizing about all of the grand adventures you can take. Figure out a way to fund a getaway and get started.

PISCES

(February 19 - March 20)



Pisces, something profound may have happened to you and you may need to sift through all of your feelings over the next few days. Take all the time you need to process.

SAFE & SOUND PET WORD SEARCH

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

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| CARE | COLLARED | FENCE | LEASH | OWNERSHIP | SECURITY |
| CAT | COMPANION | HEALTH | LOCATE | PRECAUTION | SHELTER |
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A group effort.

A small group of garden enthusiasts were recently down at the Community Garden, planting a handful of beds with charitable intentions. Jeannine Steinke and Annette Kay, with some little helpers, planted 4-5 beds that they will one day, later this summer, harvest from and donate the bounty to those in need.

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In recent years, if volunteers are plentiful, any leftover plots are used by Communities in Bloom members to donate the harvests to those in need, whether through the soup kitchen, food bank, churches or community organizations that help residents.

Jeannine Steinke, chair of the Communities in Bloom Committee, was working hard recently, prepping unrented plots and planting various vegetables for charitable purposes. She said there were fewer empty plots this year, which was good as that meant the workload was better to handle. "Last year, there were some beds full of weeds that we are working on right now to bring them back. We've had more help to clean them out, which makes a big difference."

She said many of the people they donated to were unaware they could have a garden plot too. "Some programs can cover the cost of the beds, especially for seniors. As a committee, Communities in Bloom has offered that if there is ever a need, a family or a person, we would help cover that cost if

that was a barrier. We want this to be accessible for everyone and bless everybody."

Whether someone is renting a bed for themselves, their family, their church, or a community group, all are welcome to dig in the dirt, plant food and enjoy the fruits of their labour at harvest time. Putting in the time and effort can result in tasty rewards. Steinke said she donated produce over 20 times last year alone. "I gave out two good donations of potatoes and then multiple times of lettuce. I would call up a church or the soup kitchen, whoever would take it and use it. Wellspring, too; I would show up, and they would take a bag. It wilts within a few days, so you want it to be used. It has to go into the kitchen right away."

Annette Kay is in her first year at the Community Garden and was helping Steinke prepare the charitable plots, planting carrots and beans. "One of the beds we worked on that wasn't used last year was so full of grass it was a big job to clean out. Planting some vegetables in it, even if they are to give away, at least that plot is being

worked. I think that's important."

Kay said she decided to join the Community Garden and rent a plot because her yard is more on the shady side. "I have a little garden in my backyard, but it doesn't do very well, so I thought I would give this a try. It's been awesome. I've been able to come down and work it when I can. I haven't harvested as much yet because I don't have lettuce in mine. I have had some beet greens. I have potatoes, zucchini and carrots growing. I love being able to dig in the dirt."

As both women worked the dirt, a group of youngsters helped. "It gives you a sense of giving and a sense of community. It's educating the kids because they see what we do when they come down. Whoever comes to the garden, they see the opportunity here, and they see how we can give back to the community," said Steinke.

Her children share the work on their two family garden plots, on top of helping with the community beds. "My two boys have one bed, and my two girls have one bed. They are fully involved. They chose

what they wanted to plant. They've done it for a few years and enjoy it, especially the harvesting. This way, they can leave my beds at home alone," she laughed.

Steinke said she looks forward to another year of playing a garden Santa of sorts, delivering healthy presents around the community. "There have been tears. People are thankful and appreciative to receive

the food. We've donated potatoes, carrots, beets, lettuce, and beans, and I'm also planting Swiss chard this year. We drop it off, no questions asked, for them to enjoy."

Steinke said as the interest grows within the community, so will the garden, figuratively and literally, as there is still room within the fence for beds. "The beds are coming up nicely here, and it looks fabulous.

We have fun here in the garden. I really enjoy being here and being part of Communities in Bloom. It fills my cup and teaches my kids about giving back." Residents are welcome to enter the garden gate and sit on the benches near the back, even if they don't have a plot, provided the garden beds are not touched or taken from. It's a beautiful relaxing area to visit and enjoy.



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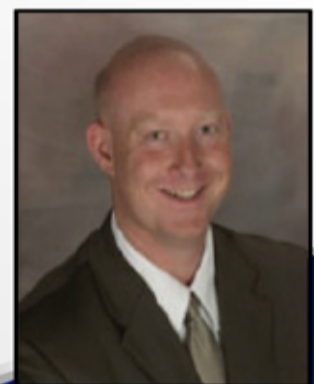
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High
Low
Wind
24-Hr Rain / Snow



Wed., July 19
Chance of a shower
30%
23°C
12°C
W 7 km/h
~1mm



Thu., July 20
Sunny
20%
25°C
14°C
SE 10 km/h
-



Fri., July 21
Mainly sunny
20%
26°C
15°C
E 11 km/h
~1mm



Sat., July 22
Sunny
10%
26°C
15°C
E 10 km/h
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Sun., July 23
Mix of sun and clouds
30%
26°C
14°C
N 14 km/h
-

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Blades on the Street proves impactful in pilot year of clearing snow rather than plowing it

Town crews laying sand following the removal of snow.



Residents might've noticed a big difference in the snow removal practices between last winter and the winter before. Though weather patterns between the two years were similar, with a fluctuating thermostat, both winters stood apart from each other for big reasons, thanks to the Blades on the Street System.

By Serena Lapointe

Last winter, the Town of Whitecourt snow removal crews used a new system called the Blades on the Street System (BOS) as a pilot project to see how it would go on priority four residential routes. On June 20, 2022, the Policies and Priorities Committee implemented the program for a test run through the 2022/2023 winter season, with a review forthcoming following the season's wrap-up.

At a recent Policies and Priorities meeting, Council was provided with an update on how the program went. The Blades on the Street

System works how it sounds; grader blades remain on the pavement. Through the winter season, grader operators plowed from curb to curb to the centre of the street, and removal crews followed, picking up the snow right away and removing it, dumping it at the nearest snow storage site.

Unlike previous years, the snow was not pushed up on the sidewalks in most residential areas and wasn't left to accumulate. With no snow pushed up on sidewalks, there wasn't any winter sanding done, which gets messy in the spring. A few common public areas

had snow left behind due to the location, including the east side of 47 Street between Flats Road and Kreiner Crescent.

The BOS Process was test run to see if it would provide better service, reduce equipment time and costs in the field and lower the calls from residents complaining about snow removal. Council heard from Kamruz Zaman, Director of Infrastructure Services, on how year one went.

"This new system has been working very well for our community, and one thing we can point out is the call log of complaints. We have

received less complaints this year due to the operations," said Zaman. Each year, a log keeps track of calls from residents specific to snow removal operations. Through the 2022/2023 winter months, there were 84 calls logged from residents. In the year previous, there were 380 calls logged, a significant difference.

"Every year, in the past, we used to plow snow on the sidewalk, and we had to go back and clear those sidewalks in the spring for the sand on the boulevard. We used to receive so many complaints on when

we were sending our sweeper to come down and sweep the lawn because their grass would be getting longer, and they couldn't mow it," said Zaman.

He said the sweeping had become a challenge for crews but that the change to the BOS system had made a massive difference in how things were handled in the spring. "We did not have to go to any residential areas for the sidewalk or lawn sweeping."

Even with the change in snow removal processes, Zaman said they wanted to keep the current policy in case a snowy winter re-

quires them to use the old method of pushing snow onto the sidewalks. "If the Town could not keep up with the snow plowing or removal, we can still push the snow onto the sidewalk, and then the residents would be responsible for clearing their sidewalks. Then, based on our policy, we follow the switch of the street, where even number years go to the even side of the street and odd number years go to the odd-numbered side of the street."

The BOS System affects priority four residential routes. Snow

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clearing on priority 1-3 routes happens before priority four. If heavy snowfall kept crews working on routes 1-3, they would have less time to focus on clearing priority four routes. Leaving the policy as written allows them to use the best method for the situation.

Councillor Paul Chauvet said he was pleased with the report about the BOS System. "I'm happy it worked out. We didn't have the snowfall that we have had on the fire year

rolling average, so we will see what it does under more stress." He said that seeing less machinery breaking down because "they're not pushing ice cubes" and the fewer working days needed to clear the community after a snowfall was great to hear.

Mayor Tom Pickard said he appreciated how much the BOS System improved sightlines for residents, particularly in the Park Drive area. "I think what this report does not reflect is the increased safety

for our residents with those improved sightlines. Even if there were to be a heavier snowfall and increased costs, I believe this made it much safer for our residents. I am really pleased."

Other comments from Council in the meeting included positive feedback from residents whose children take school buses, who didn't have to deal with snowbanks when getting on or off the bus, and about the lack of mini lakes on the road from the spring melt.

The report detailed

that there was a reduction in tag and tow through municipal enforcement, more sidewalks were maintained for residents, the spring melt was easier to deal with thanks to no ice in the gutters from packed snow, catch basins remained open and didn't need

as much steaming, community-wide snow clearing dropped from fourteen days to ten, there was less damage to boulevards and infrastructure, and the complete elimination of windrows at residential driveway entrances.

The Town will be

purchasing a second electronic message board sign to help get the message of snow-clearing activities out to residents. The Policies and Priorities Committee voted to keep the BOS program going and keep the policy unchanged as a backup.



This spot on Sakwatamau Drive is one of several snow drop sites used in the community.

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Recent soapstone carving showcase at the library a big hit for artists and the public



Artists and the public at the showcase.

Learning different mediums of art can be a rewarding experience. The Whitecourt Library has various programs available, including a soapstone carving class. Participants recently shared their talents with the public in their first-ever showcase.

By Serena Lapointe

The Whitecourt & District Public Library holds many programming options each year for people of all ages to enjoy. Soapstone carving is one of the many events on the calendar that gives adults the chance to learn something new. Library Assistant Lisa Daye has been carving with soapstone for about eight years and teaching it at the library for roughly six years.

“We started off doing little things like hearts. We didn’t get to do bigger stuff for the first couple of years. It was always my goal to make a club where people would meet once a month and bring in whatever project they were working on,” explained Daye. After a few years, she said she was thrilled that her goal had come true.

Currently, the club features newbies and those who’ve advanced past the beginner stage. “The current group we have right now is great. They are all really into it, and I’m hoping we can do more, not just a beginner class, because

we’ve got some repeat people that we can do a more advanced version of this class.”

Daye said there isn’t a deadline for those working on pieces. “The class doesn’t run for four sessions, and then you must be done. It’s not like that. We meet once a month, and if you can come, great, and if you can’t, no worries, come next time. It’s incredibly rewarding to watch people move from a beginner level into less of a beginner level.”

Daye got her start in soapstone carving on a whim. “I was a homeschool mom at the time, and I signed my kids up for a soapstone carving class because it looked fun, and then I called the teacher and asked if I could come because I thought I would like to do it as well. I sat in on the class, and I loved it so much. As soon as it was over, I figured out where to get more rocks and tools, and I was just off and running. I did it every chance I could and fell in love with it.”

Years into her craft,

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Art on display.



A shark by Carmen Astle.

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Daye has pieces on display at two regional art galleries. Wabamum's Gossamer Gallery & Gifts and Ina's Gallery in Peers have some of her cherished art creations out for viewing. Daye said it's exciting to have things on display.

That's why Daye recently held a showcase at the Whitecourt Library, where participants in her classes could display some of their work for the public. "We had always talked about having a showcase. There are a few students who did exceptional work, and I always wanted to have an event to show off their stuff and invite their friends and family. We've been talking about it for years, but it never happened. So, we were finally able to make it happen."

Daye said she invited both current and past students to join the fun. Some couldn't make it due to flooding and evacuations but said they would love to participate in another one if she planned it. "We will do this again. It was a fun experience for everyone who participated. I think one of the best things about that night was all of the artists who were displaying their stuff, chatting with each other about their experiences, especially some of the ones who hadn't met people from the previous classes."

Roughly half a dozen local artists took part, with some showcasing one piece and others showcasing several. "Some of the pieces were neat. Some people took a raw chunk of stone and made their own little designs, like the little owl. She started

with a raw piece and made the whole thing herself."

Others used a kit that the library had purchased pre-COVID, thanks to a grant. "The kits came with a pre-cut shaped stone and a tool and the things needed to finish it. Some of the pieces came from those kits." Daye said one of the artists from her class shared her excitement about the art. "One guy got so excited about soapstone that, like me, he went to the city and bought his own rocks and tools and started banging away on it. He brought some of his pieces to show us, which were great."

Daye said a well-known soapstone artist also joined the showcase. "He came to some of my classes as my friend, but he's a famous soap-

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Carmen Astle and her shark carving.



Over the last few weeks, several powerful thunderstorms have been in the skies above Whitecourt, with nearly every forecasted day having some risk for a banger. Dark, menacing clouds, surrounded by bright pockets of the white sky shining through, leaving gardeners to wonder, should I cover my plants or chance it, crossing my fingers there's no hail this time? This angry-looking cloud formation was recently captured above the valley, with the bustling Highway 43 in the foreground. It brought with it heavy rains and whippy winds but didn't last long, and thankfully, no hail.

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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, August 23, 2023**, at the following location:

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Re: Vitalization Grant Program
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Whitecourt, AB T7S 1N6
Ph: 780-778-2273
Fax: 780-778-2062
planning@whitecourt.ca

NOTICE OF DECISION

The following decisions were made by the Municipal Planning Commission:

Application 23-069: Discretionary Use Retail – General – 4703 52 Avenue – Approved with conditions.

Application 23-073: Discretionary Use –Commercial – School – 5012 Caxton Street W – Approved with conditions.

Application 23-074: Discretionary Use Oil and Gas – Services and Support – 5012 Caxton Street W – Approved with conditions.

Application 23-076: Discretionary Use Commercial – School – 5012 Caxton Street W – Approved with conditions.

Application 23-079: Discretionary Use Home Occupation – Sale of Custom Made Cookies – 14 Kreiner Crescent – Approved with conditions.

Date of Decision(s): July 13, 2023 **Appeal Closes at 4:00pm:** August 3, 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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- 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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Eagle River Casino & Travel Plaza Now Hiring Casino Shift Manager NOC 62022

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- 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.

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Edson RCMP arrested a local male for firearms offences

On July 11, 2023, at 10 p.m., Edson RCMP, with the assistance of the Alberta RCMP Emergency Response Team (ERT), executed a search warrant at an Edson residence for firearms related offences. The residence was searched and multiple firearms were locat-

ed and seized as well as prohibited firearms magazines. The male co-operated with the police and was arrested without incident.

The male was released at the scene and is scheduled to appear at the Alberta Court of Justice in Edson on Sept. 5, 2023.

Additional information can be released one the Information is sworn.



Whitecourt RCMP investigate mischief to playground equipment

Whitecourt. On July 12, 2023, Whitecourt RCMP responded to a call of damage being done to playground equipment at Festival Park in Whitecourt.

Investigation has revealed that unknown suspect(s) entered the park around 2 a.m.. The suspect(s) the gained entry into the electrical panel to inflate the Bouncer Pillow, and then stabbed a hole in the Bouncer Pillow causing between \$600 to \$800 hundred dollars in damage.

If you have any in-

formation about this crime or those responsible please call Whitecourt RCMP at 780-779-5900. If you wish to remain anonymous you can contact Crime Stoppers by phone

at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), by Internet at www.tipsubmit.com or by SMS (check your local Crime Stoppers www.crimestoppers.ab.ca for instructions). To report crime online, or for access to RCMP news and information, download the Alberta RCMP app through Apple or Google Play.

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stone sculpturer. I didn't teach him anything in my class," she laughed. "He just came to hang out because being in a room with other soapstone carvers is fun. He brought one of his sculptures to the showcase, which was lovely."

The artist, Dave Hogg, lives in Onoway and is well-known across the province for his exceptional skills with soapstone. "He's been working for years and years. We are friends, and it was a fun opportunity to hang out. It was fun for the people in the class to see a different way of working because he worked with a hammer

and a chisel, which is different than what I'm teaching. I'm teaching with smaller tools. It's a whole different thing, and they got to see that, which was exciting. He works so quickly. It was very generous of him to do that."

To those who bravely put their hard work on display, Daye said she is proud. She hopes to do a showcase every year. Once her carving class starts back up in the fall, those interested can contact the library to join. "You'll never know until you try it. It's something that anyone can do if they want to, and I'm there to help them and walk them through the whole process to try it."



An owl handmade by Jane Henry.



Marie Getschel's bison.

Letter to the Editor policy

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Eagle River Casino & Travel Plaza

Now Hiring Surveillance Supervisor NOC 62029

Responsibilities:

- Completes routine surveillance of the gaming floor identifying potential problems, such as poor game protection, suspicious individuals, and acting as a support unit to other departments in relation to the protection of company assets.
- Maintains accurate logs of all procedure violations or completing reviews of all material that is pertinent to site operations.
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- Resolve work-related problems and prepare and submit progress and other reports
- May perform the same duties as workers supervised.
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- Monitor quality and production levels.

Qualifications:

- Completion of college courses related to the area supervised may be required.
- Completion of secondary school is usually required.
- Possesses detailed knowledge of casino table games, slots, poker policies, cash/slot cage, and count room policies and procedures.
- For this position you will be required to sit for long periods with computer monitors.
- 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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- Receive payment for goods or services
- Calculate daily/shift payments received and reconcile them with total sales
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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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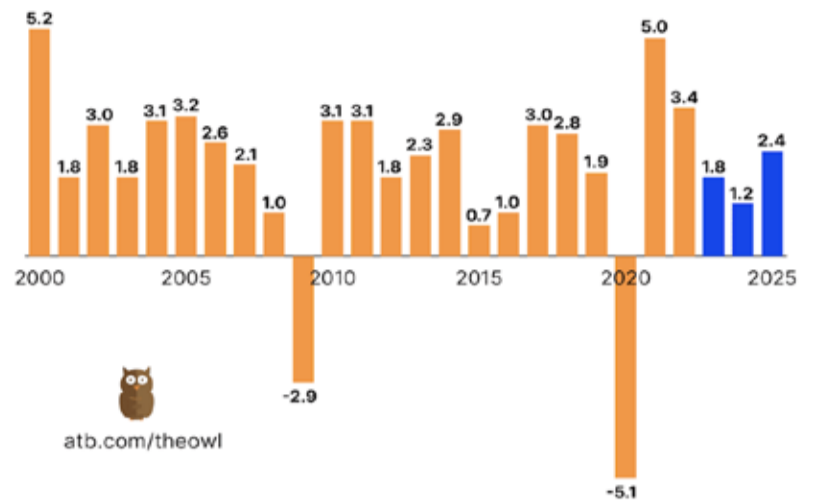
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Bank of Canada betting on slower growth

Annual real GDP growth in Canada

% change, chained (2012) dollars



Source: Statistics Canada Table 36-10-0222-01 and the Bank of Canada

By ATB Financial's Economics & Research Team

Last week's Bank of Canada interest rate decision—a 0.25 percentage point increase to 5%—was accompanied by a fresh set of growth projections for the Canadian economy. The Bank does this every second rate announcement, or once a quarter. According to the July

edition of the Monetary Policy Report (MPR), Canada's economy has been outperforming the Bank's expectations. Consumers, in particular, have been resilient in the face of higher interest rates. Projected real GDP growth in 2023 was revised up to 1.8% (from 1.4% in April) thanks to a stronger-than-expected first half of the year.

The Bank expects consumers will slow their spending while exporters face weaker demand over the next year. As such, growth will moderate to an average of about 1% over the second half of 2023 and first half of 2024.

In other words, the forecast is for sluggish growth over the next 12 months, but thankfully not an outright recession.

On an annual basis, the Bank expects the Canadian economy to expand by 1.2% next year.

These low numbers will, if things go as expected, be followed by a healthier annual growth rate in 2025 of around 2.4% (the 10-year average set before the pandemic was 2.3%).

At 1.8%, the Bank of Canada's forecast for US economic growth in 2023 is the same as Canada's, but this will be followed by an anemic 0.6% in 2024 and only 1.4% in 2025.

It's a similar story for the global economy, with growth slowing next year as tight monetary policy restricts demand followed by an uptick in 2025 as the negative effects of higher interest rates wane.



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Qualification:

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- 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 **Experience:** 5 years or more

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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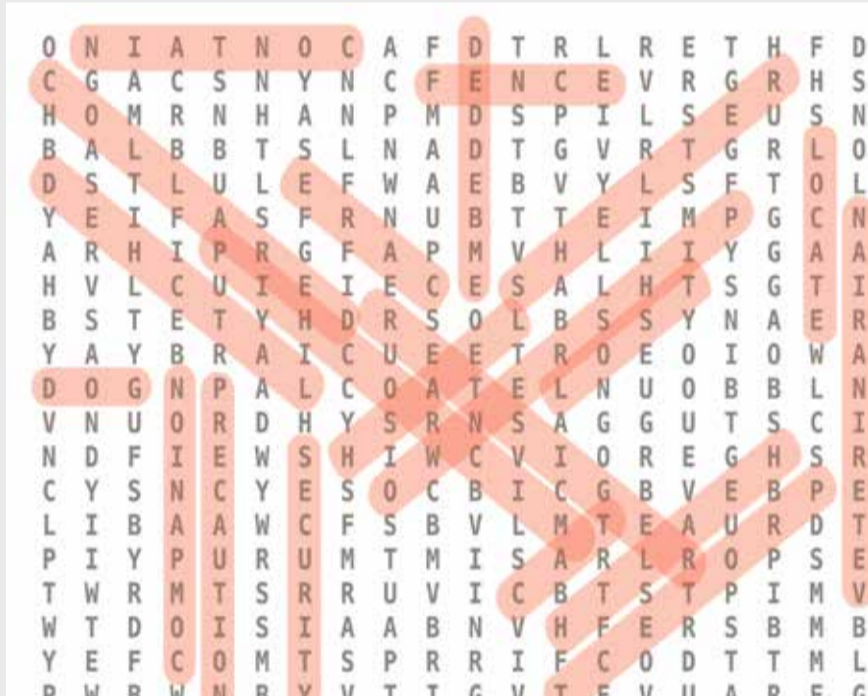
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