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Local youth paints beautiful mural for Communities In Bloom

Freehand flowers by Ally-Ann.



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By Serena Lapointe

The Whitecourt Communities In Bloom shed at the Forest Interpretive Centre has received a colourful facelift. A beautiful, hand-painted mural on the far side wall has been intricately

designed onto the wood surface. Local artist Ally-Ann Romanchuk, 18, is the face behind the flowery art piece, which Communities In Bloom hope is the first of several in the community. This isn't the

first public art piece by Romanchuk, who has also shared her talents by painting a giant ice cream heart on the fence by Granny Grays Hard Ice Cream and

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Adding a beautiful pink rose.

A beautiful flower-filled mural now exists on a once plain wall on a shed at the Forest Interpretive Centre. A young local artist created and freehanded the design over a couple of days. The completed project is now viewable on the last shed, closest to the FIC, and is part of a mission to get more art on bare walls in Whitecourt.

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the colourful mural out front of the Community Lunchbox Society office.

Early last week, Romanchuk was up at the Forest Interpretive Centre creating the magical, flowery design perfectly suited for Communities In Bloom. "I've been painting seriously for about six or seven years now. I sold my first painting four years ago and did my first mural a year ago. I've

been doing art since I was about two. I used to draw on the walls at the house, and it used to get me into trouble," laughed Romanchuk. "I have a very creative household. I was raised to do what I want with my brain."

Bringing more colour to the community is something that Communities In Bloom works hard at, and murals are one big way to do it. Chair of the committee, Jeannine Steinke, said removing graf-

fit and adding in murals are two things that go together, and they hope it can remedy tagging that occurs on different buildings. "We've been working on a pilot project for the gravity removal in town. That formed a conversation about beautifying areas and ways of preventing graffiti, and that's where murals come in. From the studies I've looked at and the additional research I've done, murals are a big deterrent. Another one is skins on

stuff (image wraps) like electrical boxes. There's less occurrence when you do that. You don't usually see murals and art pieces getting tagged because there is that respect for the artist," she explained.

Steinke said Wood Buffalo has a program that gets graffiti removal kits into the hands of those whose property has been tagged. "They have these little citizen kits where if you got tagged, you would call and tell them that

you've been tagged with graffiti, show them proof of where you live, and they would give you a pail that has a scrub brush and the solution and everything else you need in it."

Communities In Bloom is bringing in some product kits for Whitecourt community members and business owners to remove graffiti. Once the kits are in, they will advertise and get them to those who need it. From there, the conversation goes back

to murals and how they can help keep tags off town walls. "At our last meeting, I was like, let's do this. We have a shed; let's move forward and show people that this can be done and done well. It just took off and turned out beautiful," said Steinke, speaking of Romanchuk's artwork. "I'm so happy with how it turned out. It's beautiful."

Romanchuk's connection to the project came

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through one of her previous commissions. After Romanchuk completed the mural out front of the Community Lunchbox, Tara Baker, the CLB founder and chair, who also sits on the Communities In Bloom Society board as a Town Councillor, recommended the young artist for the Bloom mural.

"She's got talent. I enjoy working with such a great group of volunteers who want to beautify the community and who collectively identified that we have some great young local talent artists that we wanted to showcase and highlight and work with to create some beautiful spaces within our community," said Baker.

For Romanchuk, getting to help beautify her community is a pleasure. "It's an outlet. It lets me get my mind off things. It's like a brain break. I do many landscapes on canvas, and I think it would be cool to do a super huge one with giant rollers, like New York City mural style. It will take a lot of oil paint and a big wall to do that," she laughed. A big mountainscape is something she hopes to do next.

"People are attracted to art and want to see it and take pictures with it. It makes it look much more welcoming. Whenever you're walking down a main street, you're going to go to the place with a big painted storefront to see it. People are drawn to art and love it. I think having it around the community is great," added Romanchuk.

Steinke said the mural gives her hope for the future of what Whitecourt would look like with outdoor art on display. "It doesn't take

much if you have the space and have an artist to do it. One of the other things we are potentially looking at doing is having a competition or some sort of initiative that would encourage people to have murals painted on buildings they own or are allowed to use. That would bring people downtown, specifically, to see that."

Steinke said there are so many things that could be done with it. "You can make scavenger hunts with the art. You can do art walks. The town can do so much with this. There are so many good things about it. Murals can tell stories or pay homage to someone or something. We still have a lot to talk about, but I would love to see more murals go up, even by the end of this year."

Any businesses interested in having a mural on one of their walls are encouraged to contact the Whitecourt Communities In Bloom Society. Those interested in getting their hands on the graffiti removal kits should follow their Facebook page for updates on when they become available. "We want to plant that seed and show people that we are out there and doing this. If it's also going to help keep our town cleaner, then perfect," said Steinke.

Those interested in commissioning Ally-Ann for a mural can contact her at ARcommissions@gmail.com. "She's amazing. She was easy to work with and kind. She put that design together, and the whole group was pleased. We hope she has more jobs to do in the future. She is very talented. We are happy that it all worked out the way it did."



The saying, just keep growing, was perfect for Communities in Bloom.



Ally-Ann said she hopes to do more colourful murals in the community.

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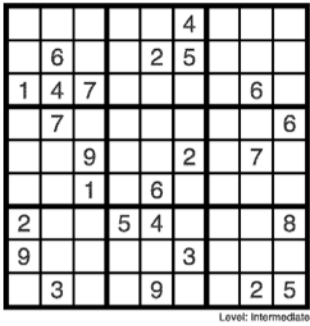
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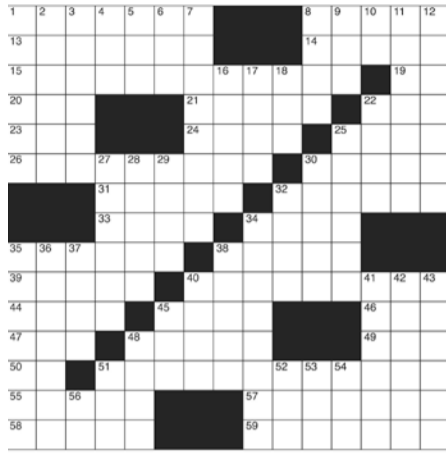
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Crossword Clues

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Excited movements
- 8. Soap opera actress Patsy
- 13. Unknowing
- 14. Dangerous mosquitos
- 15. Exaggerated and sensationalized
- 19. Military policeman
- 20. Touch softly
- 21. Wrap
- 22. A story of one's life
- 23. Midway between east and southeast
- 24. Toward the mouth or oral region
- 25. A list of dishes available at a restaurant
- 26. Changes the meaning of
- 30. Semitic Sun god
- 31. Sneaker parts
- 32. Capital of Zimbabwe
- 33. Breezed through
- 34. Partner to pedi
- 35. Becomes less intense
- 38. Bottoms
- 39. Tested
- 40. Vistas
- 44. Take care of
- 45. Traditional rhythmic

CLUES DOWN

- 1. A type of pool
- 2. Malaise
- 3. Seasoned
- 4. A pair
- 5. Young male
- 6. Make a mistake
- 7. Experienced
- 8. It often accompanies injury
- 9. Old world, new
- 10. Commercial
- 11. Course of lectures
- 12. Promote
- 16. Female horses
- 17. Greek mythological figure
- 18. Small amount
- 22. Orthodox church altar

- 25. Actress Tomei
- 27. Excited
- 28. Looked directly at
- 29. Popular cold desserts
- 30. More reasonable
- 32. Disk above the head of a saint
- 34. Devoted to the extreme
- 35. Make an effort
- 36. It's in the surf
- 37. Member of aboriginal people of Japan
- 38. Discounts
- 40. Cliff in Hawaii
- 41. Extremely wild person
- 42. All persons
- 43. Aromas
- 45. Popular kids' game
- 48. A difficult situation
- 51. Popular Georgia rockers
- 52. It's in all living cells
- 53. Unspoken language
- 54. 'Talk to you' abbreviation
- 56. Influential lawyer

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Application 23-057: 3301 35 Street – Discretionary Use – Retail General – Refused.

Application 23-059: 12 King Court – Discretionary Use – Home Occupation: Piano Lessons – Approved with conditions.

Date of Decisions: June 22, 2023 **Appeal Closes at 4:00pm:** July 13, 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.



Photos by Serena Lapointe Photography



Whitecourt's Canada Day fireworks on Saturday night were the perfect wrap to a fantastic day. Though the weather called 100 percent for rain showers at 11 pm, following a very slight sprinkle that didn't even warrant an umbrella, the skies held back the planned deluge allowing the fireworks to happen as planned. Hundreds and hundreds of residents were at Festival Park for the evening's festivities including taking in the night's headliner Hillside Outlaws who gave a dazzling performance complete with giant sparklers. Once their last song ended the skies lit up with explosions of colours much to the delight of all in attendance.

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ARTYNIUK, Margaret Elvira



On Friday, June 23, 2023, Margaret Elvira Artyniuk of Whitecourt, AB passed away at the age of 89 years.

Margaret was predeceased by her husband, John; her parents, Bill and Elvira Miller; and sister, Helen Sneddon.

She will be remembered by her brother, Fred (Mary) Miller; nephews, nieces and dear friends.

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Cremation has taken place. Honouring Margaret's wishes, there will be no Memorial Service.

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62	15,18,19	W5M
63	6,7,9,21,22	W5M
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65	6,7,14,15,16	W5M
66	6,7,8,14,15,16	W5M

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Sixty-seven Chickadee was a sight to see!



Whoooo's Canadian? Definitely these two owls.

Sixty-seven Chickadee Drive might just have been the best-dressed house in town regarding Canada Day decorations. From a wrapped tree to a patriotic turtle, red and white flowers, numerous spinners, circular house decorations and many large flags, the residents clearly enjoyed getting into the celebratory spirit. Other nicely decorated properties included one on 55 Avenue, which had two Canadian owls on a fence surrounded by over a dozen flags. Two houses sitting kitty-corner to each other at the corner of Powers Cove and Leedy Drive got into the day's fun. Both had numerous flags and spinners on display, happily flapping in the breeze. Happy Canada Day!

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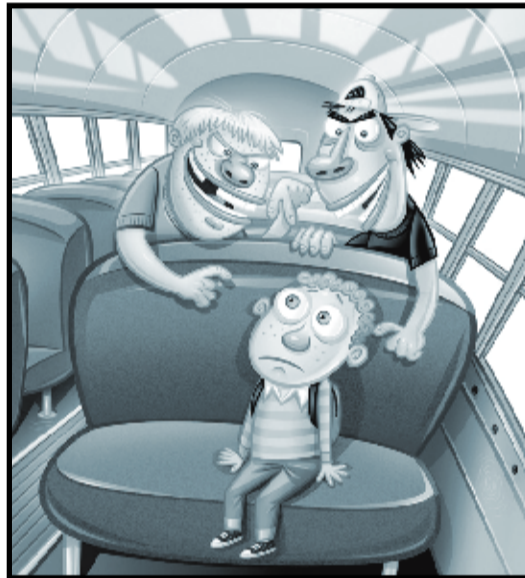
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Partying it up at Baly Park



Park Parties are back! The event began last year to get neighbours out to meet each other after a couple of isolating years due to lockdowns. The events proved popular and are back for year two. The first event took place last week, and there are two more to come. Pictured are Rotarians who provided a free bbq for attendees.

By Serena Lapointe

The first installment of the Town of Whitecourt's Park Parties took place on Wednesday last week. The event kickstarted last year to get residents out of their homes and into local parks to meet their neighbours. The event continued through the winter, with two parties, and each was well attended.

Members of the Whitecourt Fire Department and Whitecourt

RCMP attend the events to meet everyone and have a bite to eat. With a firetruck in tow and Sparky the Fire Dog making his rounds, the children have fun getting up close and personal with emergency services staff.

The events happen thanks to a trio partnership between the Town of Whitecourt, the Rotary Club of Whitecourt, and the P.O.W.E.R. Group (People of Whitecourt

Encouraging Resiliency). The first Park Party of the summer took place at Baly Park, across from the Whitecourt Golf & Country Club. Rotarians cooked up hot dogs and served snacks and drinks, all free. Whitecourt IGA graciously donated hot dog buns.

"It's a time for the community to get together and have some fun, play some games, and have a free hot dog while joining in with

the community spirit," explained Holly Astill, Service Projects Coordinator for the Rotary Club of Whitecourt. "The Rotary club focuses on families and children, and this is another way of bringing the family together and increasing our presence in the community so that people know who we are and what we stand for." Astill said she likes seeing families coming together to enjoy

the events and meeting their neighbours, some of whom they may not know yet. "I also like seeing friends come together to enjoy the park and enjoy the atmosphere of a BBQ in the community and the community spirit that comes from that."

Tina Prodaniuk, Crime Prevention Coordinator for the Town of Whitecourt, shared a booth with Courtney Koopmans, Health Promotion Facilitator

with AHS, and both shared information about programs and community supports in place. "When it comes to crime prevention, getting to know your neighbours is such an important part of it so we can watch out for each other. Even with the recent events in the community, it's good to know each other because you never know what might happen."

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Lots of work has been done to the driving range.



Pumping water from the pond.



Water from the pond streaming under the fence into the culvert.

The recent flooding wreaked havoc on several community areas, including the Whitecourt Golf & Country Club. Much of the course was underwater as the waters rose along its banks, spilling out over the greens, fairways and paths, carving their way through the once pristine course. Pictures and drone footage shared on the Whitecourt Press Facebook page showed the water's destruction. Clean-up efforts began once the waters retreated enough to allow staff to assess the damage and make a game plan. At 6:51 am on Monday, June 26, a call out to volunteers was made on the club's Facebook page. Significant accumulations of silt and mud needed more hands on deck to get rid of. On Saturday evening, a large pump could be seen pumping water from the pond near the clubhouse down under the roadway into a drainage pipe. Water levels have dropped significantly within the pond. The front nine holes suffered the most damage during the floods, with some spots not expected to open back up this year. However, staff are working as hard as possible to prepare as many holes for golfers. There's nothing staff would like more than to get people back out playing. As work continues, residents can help support the club by visiting the restaurant from 11-7 daily. Volunteers may still be needed by the printing of this paper. To join the crew and help get the golf course back up and running, call the pro shop at 780-778-3531.



Tina Prodaniuk was thrilled to see all the art on the canvas.



A group of youngsters adding their special touches to the art piece.



A three-legged race with some new friends.



Two good dogs; Eagle Tower Victim Services pup, Karson, and Sparky the Fire Dog

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It's about encouraging community members to come back together," said Prodaniuk.

There were pamphlets about being scam savvy, the Capture Program, the Family Support Program, elder abuse, and Meals on Wheels. Prodaniuk also had a one-question questionnaire asking if people had met someone they didn't know at the event. After placing their sticker under the answer that most fit their experience, participants were entered into a draw for a lawn game, perfect for future neighbourly get-togethers.

On the AHS side of the table, Koopmans had books about adults being there for children. "Eating together is a big one, and sometimes we forget to do it in our busy lives. If we can just sit and have a meal together, it can have a big impact," she said. There were books from the local library on display, including books on art.

Beside the booth, on the grass, laid a long canvas. "Today we have our Canvas Jam happening, which is sponsored by the P.O.W.E.R

Group," explained Prodaniuk. "We are going to get community artwork from community members and put it up on display. Over this season's three park parties, we will have two or three canvases depending on how filled up they get, and then we will take pictures of them and put them up in the bus shelters as Whitecourt's art done by Whitecourt, for Whitecourt."

Prodaniuk said that art could benefit mental health, which is where the idea first came to Koopmans. "Some of the research I'm looking at now is about how public art helps promote the health and wellness of communities, both mental and physical. It also shows that it decreases cortisol levels, so we are trying to promote that, and I thought this was the best way to do that," said Koopmans.

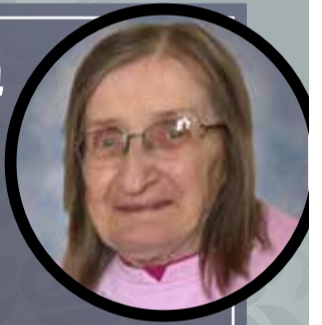
"Once we finish the bus stop ads, we want to share it with the community. Maybe it can go up in the windows of some of the empty buildings in the downtown so that people can enjoy it." Koopmans said last year's Park

Party events were a big hit. "It showcased community coming together in their backyards and through COVID, which we all know kept everyone inside, we are trying to promote getting everyone back outside."

Prodaniuk said they plan to do the winter parties again this year. Unlike the summer ones, which are in backyard parks and are more neighbourhood-focused, the winter ones focus on the community and take place at the toboggan hill or an outdoor skating rink. "We look forward to the winter ones again. It's winter here for such a big part of the year, so we might as well enjoy it," she chuckled. Koopmans said they plan on doing something disco-themed too. "Keep an eye out for that one!"

The next Park Party is scheduled for Wednesday, July 26, from 5:30-7:30 pm at Southland Park (2 Park Drive). The final installment of the summer series will be at Wagoner Park on Wednesday, August 23, at the same time. If anyone has any ideas for future events, contact the P.O.W.E.R Group on Facebook.

SNOWDEN, Eva



On Friday, June 23, 2023, Mrs. Eva Snowden of Sangudo, AB passed away at the age of 82 years.

Eva will be lovingly remembered by her husband, Walter "Ollie"; brother, Paul (Rae) Trofimuk of Mayerthorpe, AB; sister, Tillie (Gary) Clapp of Stony Plain, AB; along with numerous nephews, nieces and friends.

She was predeceased by her parents, William and Anna; Phillip (Joan); and sisters, Mary and infant Olga.

Thank you to Dr. Jamal and the staff of Extendicare Mayerthorpe for the loving care shown to Eva and the family.

A Funeral Service was held Thursday, June 29, 2023, at 1 p.m. at Crossroads Community Church, 4719-44 Avenue, Mayerthorpe, AB. Reverend Ruth Lotholz officiated with interment in Rochfort Bridge Cemetery.

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Seconds after the ribbon cutting, Councillor Paul Chauvet (red shirt, background) and the children beelined it for the Jumbo Jumper

If you haven't checked out the latest addition to Festival Park, you need to go down and see it! The massive, colourful inflatable right beside the playground is the new hot spot in town since it officially opened on Friday.

By Serena Lapointe

After years of planning by the Town Administration and the Community Services Advisory Board, the ribbon was finally cut to officially open the Jumbo Jumper at Festival Park on Friday morning. Councillor Paul Chauvet and Joe Spivak from Pembina joined Mayor Tom Pickard to celebrate the grand opening.

Juan Grande, Infrastructure Services Manager for the Town of Whitecourt, explained that the Jumbo Jumper is a large membrane filled with air. "It acts more like a bouncy pillow, something similar to a trampoline. Our Public Works and other departments worked extremely hard to complete this project while doing flood cleanup and other activities. It was essential for our crews to get this in."

A pump nearby keeps the gigantic inflatable going, and a timer will turn it on at 9 am and off twelve hours later. The Jumbo Jumper was shipped up from Utah along with a contractor specialized in installing the system. Public Works crews from the Town did the rest of the setup. The sand, which covers a wide perimeter of the ground around the Jumbo Jumper, is like beach sand and was donated by the Wayfinder Big Molly Sand Pit. "It's a very particular sand because it doesn't compact, so it provides the full protection," explained Grande.

"I think it's another fantastic contribution by another huge sponsor in our community, Pembina, and the Wayfinder Big Molly Sand crew and then our town staff who worked very hard through the flood to make sure this happened," said Mayor Pickard. "Without sponsorships from people like Pembina, these don't happen. It's another example of Whitecourt and our community that works together and the contributions from Pembina. We thank them."

At 11 am Friday, a group of about twenty children and dignitaries set up just out front of the newest addition to the park. "When you cut a ribbon, that means it's open," explained Mayor Pickard to the swarm of excited children around him. "When this cuts, you guys can go and bounce, and you'll be the first official people to bounce on it."

With scissors in hand, Mayor Pickard, a youth and Joe Spivak from Pembina officially cut the ribbon and opened the Jumbo Jumper for the public. Within milliseconds, the children began running, but one specific person was leading much of the pack: Councillor Paul Chauvet. "I'm very excited to finally see this happen. I first saw it up in the Peace River area when I was at a conference about five years ago. We tried to get it done before now, but with lockdowns and life, and 2020 to 2022 putting a dent in

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DISCRETIONARY USE APPLICATION 15-039-2023

Location: PT NW 9-59-11-W5M Lot 3 Block 1 Plan 922-0929
Proposed Development: Transport Contractor Business (minor)
Appeal Deadline: July 12, 2023
Decision Date: July 19, 2023, 5 pm, Whitecourt Municipal Office

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NOTICES OF DECISION

NOTICE OF DECISION 15-030-2023
Location: PT NW 8-59-11-W5M Lot A Plan 782-1309
Proposed Development: Setback Variance, 30m to 20m
Decision Date: June 21, 2023
Appeal Deadline: July 12, 2023

NOTICE OF DECISION 15-033-2023
Location: PT NW 28-59-12-W5M Lot 1 Block 3 Plan 062-0123
Proposed Development: Transport Contractor Business (minor); Max: 2 trucks & trailers
Decision Date: June 21, 2023
Appeal Deadline: July 12, 2023

NOTICE OF DECISION 15-035-2023
Location: PT NW 24-59-10-W5M Lot 16 & 17 Block 4 Plan 5989KS
Proposed Development: Home Occupation (minor); STAYK Gardens
Decision Date: June 21, 2023
Appeal Deadline: July 12, 2023

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Joe Spivak, with Pembina, said he felt like a five-year-old again.



Councillor Chauvet had a blast jumping with the children.



Mayor Tom Pickard and Joe Spivak from Pembina cut the ribbon.

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many things, it slowed it down, but finally seeing it here is fantastic."

Councillor Chauvet has been invested in the project since bringing up the idea initially, and after taking it for a spin and catching his breath, he gave it two thumbs up. "I went and bounced on it, and it was awesome. I said I would be first. But I had to run," he laughed. "It was fun. I haven't been on one of those things in a long time, probably since I was their age," he said, pointing to the children.

"I'm very proud of it, and I hope the residents appreciate it and that it can stay in great shape for a long time. I think it will be a great addition to Festival Park, which keeps getting better and better. I'm grateful for all the work that went into getting this here," said Chauvet. He called the corporate sponsors fantastic and said they've always been great to work with, whether at Festival Park, the Allan & Jean Millar Centre or Eastlink Park. "We are very grateful to have such good people and great sponsors, and hats off to the Town for putting it together."

Mayor Pickard said the Jumbo Jumper also helps with physical fitness. "You should be able to have fun and stay fit and healthy and get outside and enjoy it. This is just another contribution from our many corporate sponsors that make our community great."






Spivak also tried the new bouncy toy following the ribbon cutting and said it made him feel like a kid again. "It brings a pret-

ty big smile to my face to see them enjoying it. When I pulled up here and seen all the kids on it, I was like, yup, I want to be five years old again, ha-ha."

Spivak said he was glad to see the project come to fruition. "It's a great addition to an already great facility, and hopefully, it'll give the kids some extra things to do and draw them out. It's inclusive. There are no boundaries up here. Anyone can come out and have some fun. It should be a good addition to the community and the park."

Spivak said Pembina likes to be involved in the community and supporting events and projects, like the Jumbo Jumper, because of the company's values. "Most of, if not all of, our employees work, live and play in the area. We all have kids and families in the area or are looking to start families in the area, and this solidifies our footprint of being upstanding community citizens. None of Alberta's communities, cities and towns were built without the support of all the people who work and play in the area. Whitecourt has been a great community to bring our kids up in, and I think that's important, and those values are true to everyone in the company."

From the big kids to the little kids, the Jumbo Jumper is a fun way to be active, get the blood pumping and bring out the inevitable laughs that come as you bounce on it. Town crews worked incredibly hard to complete the project before Canada Day weekend.

A look at the local weather		Wed., July 05	Thu., July 06	Fri., July 07	Sat., July 08	Sun., July 09
		Mainly sunny	 Risk of a thunderstorm	 Risk of a thunderstorm	 Cloudy with showers	 A Few showers
P.O.P.		20%	40%	60%	60%	60%
High		23°C	25°C	23°C	22°C	22°C
Low		11°C	12°C	12°C	13°C	13°C
Wind		W 6 km/h	W 7 km/h	N 11 km/h	NE 12 km/h	E 12 km/h
24-Hr Rain / Snow		-	<1mm	~15mm	~1mm	1-3mm



Eagle River Casino & Travel Plaza

Now Hiring Security Guard Supervisor NOC 62029

Responsibilities:

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

Qualifications:

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

Experience: 2 – 3 years.

Education: Completion of secondary school an asset.

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

Language: English

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

Wage: \$20.77 per hour.

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

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- 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.

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Tips to stay safe as temperatures rise this summer



Alberta Health Services reminds Albertans to take some simple precautions in the heat so you can safely enjoy outdoor activities this summer.

Heat stress is primarily due to three main factors: UVA and UVB radiation, temperature and humidity. People can be affected by heat stress in several ways, from mild to life-threatening. Young children, older adults, and people with chronic health conditions are at the highest risk. Young, healthy people participating in strenuous activity and those working outdoors during the heat may also be at risk. If your body temperature gets too high, you can get heat-related illnesses. Heat stroke is a life-threatening medical emergency and requires medical attention as soon as possible. For emergencies, visit your nearest local emergency department or call 911.

Prior to leaving home, check the air quality, humidity and for any forecasted heat warnings. If you're trying to keep cool:

- Use air conditioning if possible. If you don't have air conditioning, go into the basement or visit a cool location, such as a shopping centre or library.
- Close your blinds or curtains, and use awnings and shutters.
- Do activities early or later in the day when it is cooler.
- Try to avoid strenuous activities.
- Take frequent breaks and seek shade.
- Drink lots of water and other non-alcoholic, non-caffeinated beverages to stay hydrated.

Protect your skin from the sun. If you are

planning on being outdoors:

- Apply a sunscreen that screens out UVA and UVB rays and has a sun protection factor (SPF) of 30 or higher. Apply it 20 minutes before going outside and reapply frequently.
- Wear a wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses (with a UVA/UVB CSA certified seal).
- Wear light-coloured long-sleeved shirts and pants that cover skin.

Keep a close eye on babies and children and check in on loved ones, especially those who may be socially isolated or live in un-airconditioned housing, to see how they are coping.

Know your options so you can get the right care when you need it. Health Link at 811 provides 24/7 health advice and information. Other options include your family doctor, ambulatory care and family care clinics, walk-in clinics and your local pharmacy. Visit ahs.ca/options for more info. For emergencies, visit your nearest local emergency department or call 911.

Alberta Health Services is the provincial health authority responsible for planning and delivering health supports and services for more than four million adults and children living in Alberta. Our mission is to provide a patient-focused, quality health system that is accessible and sustainable for all Albertans. Our current focus is on reducing emergency department wait-times, improving EMS response times, increasing access to surgeries, and improving patient flow.



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.
- Always maintain awareness of gaming operation and comply with security policies and procedures to secure company assets.
- This position requires the ability to communicate clearly, deal tactfully and work effectively with Eagle River Casino & Travel Plaza, staff, and management.
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- Monitor quality and production levels.
- Resolve work-related problems and prepare and submit progress and other reports
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- Handle emergency situations.
- 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.

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- Operate cash register
- Process money, cheques, and credit/debit card payments
- Scan Items
- Tabulate total payment for goods or services required
- Receive payment for goods or services
- Calculate daily/shift payments received and reconcile them with total sales
- Suggestive selling
- Provide excellent customer service
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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.

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Whitecourt Town Council updates

Whitecourt has terminated the State of Local Emergency (SOLE) that was issued on June 20, 2023. The SOLE allowed the Town of Whitecourt to evacuate areas of the community that were affected by high water levels on the Athabasca and McLeod Rivers. Whitecourt will be providing support to a provincially-lead project that proposes to construct a fireguard to protect critical infrastructure in Whitecourt and Woodlands County. Fireguards create a break in forest fuels driving wildfire; construction of a fireguard surrounding Whitecourt would reduce the threat of wildfire in our community. The 2023 20-Year Capital and Major

Maintenance Plan has been adopted. The Plan, which includes 138 projects, provides a vision for the long-term development of Whitecourt's infrastructure; land development; parks and trails; and, building and recreational/cultural facilities to meet the needs of our growing community. The Plan incorporates projects and timelines identified through engineering studies, planning sessions, workshops, budget de-

liberations, and public engagement activities. The Plan is available to view at www.whitecourt.ca/your-town. The annual review of Off-Site Levies is complete and, based on the study, rates will be changing as of January 1, 2024. Off-Site Lev-

Development Type	2023 Off-Site Levy Rate	2024 Off-Site Levy Rate
Residential		
Single Family Dwelling Units	\$4,586/dwelling unit	\$4,710/dwelling unit
Multi-Family Dwelling Units	\$1,997/dwelling unit	\$2,051/dwelling unit
Non-Residential		
	\$53,446/hectare	\$54,888/hectare

ies are a cost recovery tool that help pay for infrastructure projects that allow the community to grow, including roads, and water and sewage treatment. As part of Whitecourt's Assessment Management Plan implementation, White-

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Woodlands County Council recap

Woodlands County Council discussed the following items at their recent special meeting of Council:
 Council approved the following supports for property owners affected by flooding in Woodlands County:

- Tipping fees at the Whitecourt Regional Landfill are waived. Property owners who experience property damage caused by the floods can bring garbage and debris to the landfill until July 10, 2023, at no charge.
- Large refuse containers will be placed on Flats Rd, Old Ferry Loop East, Cutbanks Rd West, Cutbanks Rd East, Twp Rd 595 west of the Town

of Whitecourt boundary near West Mountain Road, and Fort Assiniboine.
 • Property owners who experienced loss or damaged structures that need replacement will have their Devel-

opment Permit fees waived until November 30, 2023. The next scheduled meetings are Governance & Priorities Committee on Wednesday, July 12, 6:00 pm and Council meeting on Wednesday, July 19,

2023, 9:30 am. Meetings are held in-person at the Municipal Office in Whitecourt and streamed on the Woodlands County YouTube channel. Agenda packages are available on the Woodlands County CivicWeb Portal.



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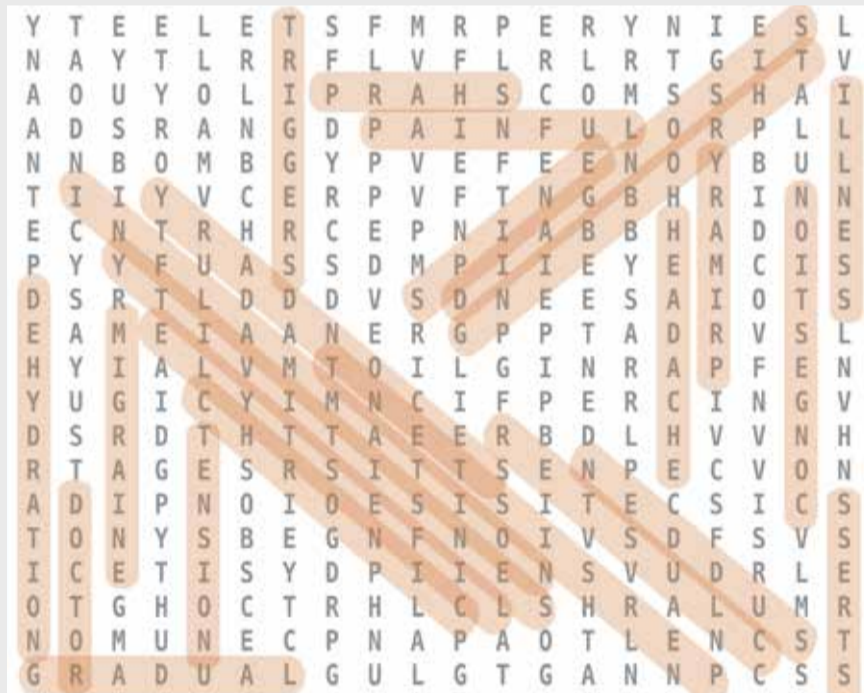
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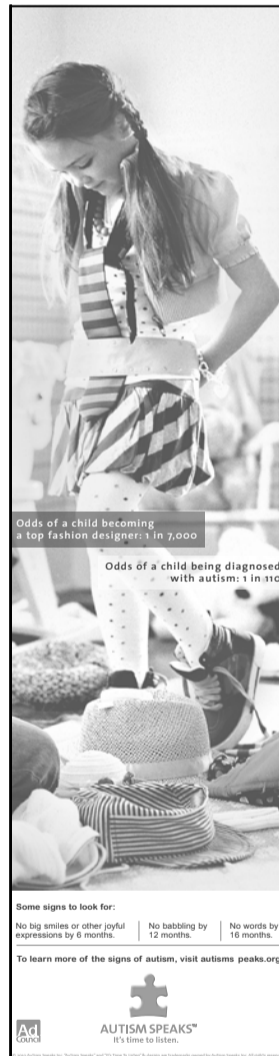


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