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By Serena Lapointe

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and the same span of months of 2023, there is an increase of over six thousand riders.

In 2019, there were 22,366 riders on Whitecourt's Public Transit System from January through September. In 2020, ridership dropped significant-

ly due to lockdowns, falling to 13,574. The freefall of ridership continued in 2021, with only 12,629 riders, just a bit over half when compared to the 2019 numbers. Ridership began to turn around

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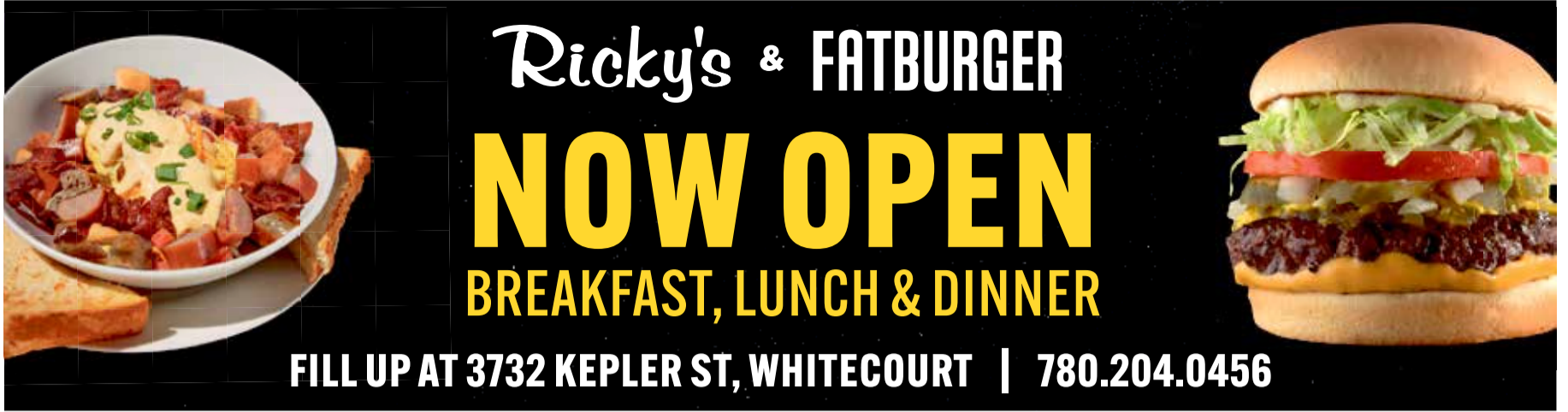
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The Whitecourt Wolverines continue to climb the standings and are fifth in the AJHL standings as of December 15. With a stretch of home games coming up, fans will have lots of opportunities to see their team in action.



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The refs got annoyed with the Oilers after they tried sneaking in a line change.

By Serena Lapointe

Last week, the Whitecourt Wolverines were in action three times, once on the road and twice at home. Here's a recap of two of the three games. The action began in Blackfalds as the Wolverines took on the Bulldogs at the Eagles Builders Centre on Tuesday, December 12. Wolverine's goalie Ben Charette was in the net for the match-up.

Twenty-five seconds into the game, fan favourite Joey Melo recorded his tenth goal of the season thanks to assists from Travis Verbeek and Braden Keeble. For Keeble, the assist was his twentieth of the year. After it seemed as though the Wolverines had control of the game, the Bulldogs got aggressive, proving their bite was worse than their bark.

In less than five minutes, the Bulldogs

scored not one, not two, but three unanswered goals, taking a big 3-1 lead. The Wolverines had to use their intermission break to regroup and make a plan to come back swinging.

Nine minutes into the second, Kaiden Wiltsie scored his tenth, assisted by Nathaniel Bannister and Jarred Feist, making the score 3-2 and pulling within one. Two minutes later, Colby Browne scored his 15th goal of the season as the Wolverines completed the comeback, tying the game 3-3.

A crazed back-and-forth third period lasted sixteen minutes as both teams worked hard to break the tie in their favour. Unfortunately for the Wolverines, the Bulldogs were victorious in their attempt, scoring at the sixteen-minute mark of the period and regaining their lead. The

Wolverines battled and even pulled Charette from the net for the last 44 seconds, but it wasn't enough. Bulldogs won 4-3.

The week's second game came on Friday night at home in JDA Place as the Wolverines hosted the Okotoks Oilers. The Wolverines are behind the Oilers in the standings with just a handful of points between them, so the importance of the game was evident. The Wolverines needed to win so they could climb closer.

Ben Charette was again between the pipes and looked focused as the opening whistle sounded. Just over a minute into the game, Wolverines fans were given a reason to cheer as Colby Browne sniped in his 16th goal of the season, assisted

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Ridership on Whitecourt Transit buses has exploded this year, with close to 30,000 rides counted between January and September. Youth are leading the charge and account for over half of all rides on the system.

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in 2022, increasing to well over sixteen and a half thousand people in the seats. From January to September of this year, there were 28,623 riders, a significant increase over the pre-pandemic levels in 2019.

Students and youth are one of the most significant users of the system, encompassing roughly 55 percent of the ridership. The two busiest times of the day for youth are morning and afternoon, which are the two peak times for students when they are travelling to school and returning home from it. Usership for students has increased so much that often, students getting on at one school tend to fill the bus. Students at the next school stop then face a packed bus and must wait for the next bus to catch a ride.

Over 500 free youth rides also helped build the numbers thanks to the Doors Open Pro-

gram held after school at the Allan & Jean Millar Centre. Youth attending the program can access a free transit ride to the centre. Thanks to a grant helping cover the costs, 561 youth caught a ride without buying a ticket and joined their peers at Doors Open.

The statistics on ridership were recently presented to Whitecourt Town Council during a regular meeting in mid-November. Town Administration also shared several ideas that are either in transition or in discussion. One idea was adding a bus stop in the industrial area near the RCMP station.

Council will discuss the potential addition of Stop 1A outside of the Living Waters School Board office in next year's budget talks. Currently, anyone in that area wanting to access transit must cross Highway 43 and get on at the AJMC bus stop or walk to Dahl Drive, cross it, and use Stop

27. The additional stop would make it easier for riders who frequent the area.

Other highlights presented included a migration of TransLoc over to an updated Rider App. The TransLoc app is a free download allowing riders to see bus movement along the route and receive estimates on arrivals at each stop. The app also enables Whitecourt Public Transit to send users important messages and service notifications as needed. The current system will be obsolete as of June 2024, making the migration mandatory to keep using it. Riders can also provide feedback on the system, helping to improve it.

One update that users have requested that is still being researched is the ability to offer "Tap & Pay" rather than only cash or pre-purchased tickets. The Transit Coordinator and Manager continue to investigate the option. At the time of the presentation, all

options looked at so far were cost-prohibitive, meaning they would be too costly to implement.

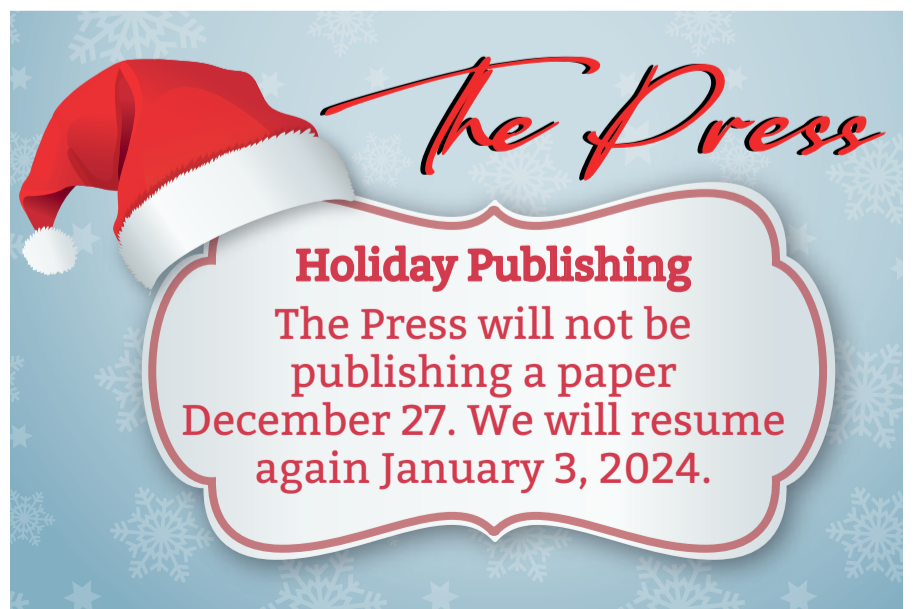
Advertisements at bus shelters and on buses continue to pose a challenge. Work continues to reach out to businesses through the Economic Development Department to showcase the opportunity. One tidbit presented was that companies can share ad space with other businesses, making it a more affordable option. Rather than one

large advertisement, multiple companies could share the space and the cost.

The final update provided to Council was on a transit study with Cutric and Fortis around electrifying the fleet. If completed, the electrification would include the Dial-A-Bus and could open up grant opportunities. Research on the feasibility is ongoing, with updates expected in the near future.

At the meeting,

Mayor Tom Pickard made note of the "tremendous rebound" in ridership. He said being ahead of the 2019 ridership numbers was "very encouraging," and he said that people were obviously using transit and seeing a personal benefit from doing so. "I think that's fantastic," he said. To learn more about Whitecourt's Transit, visit www.whitecourt.ca and search "transit," or download the TransLoc rider app.



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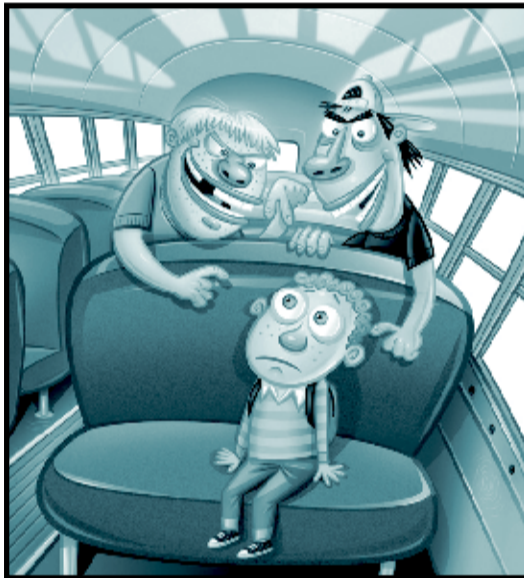
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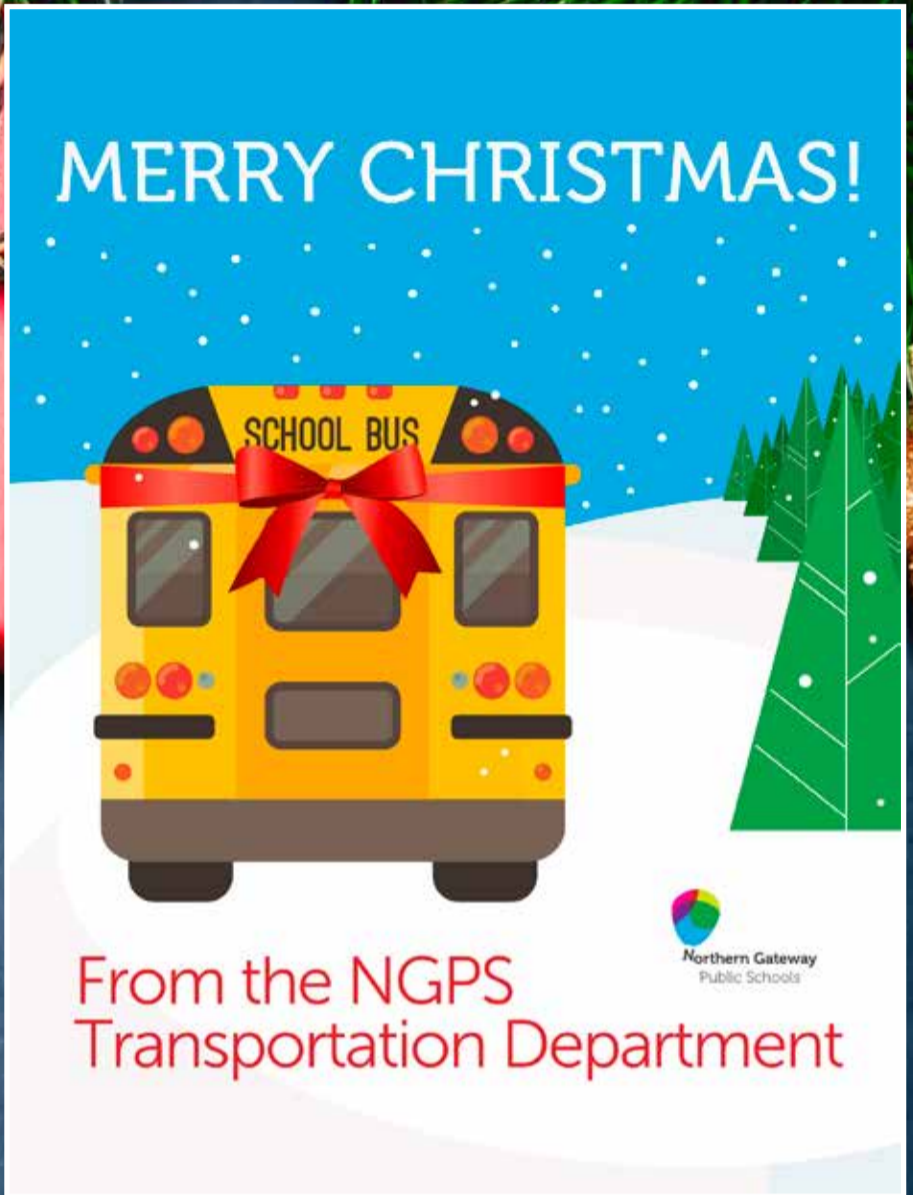
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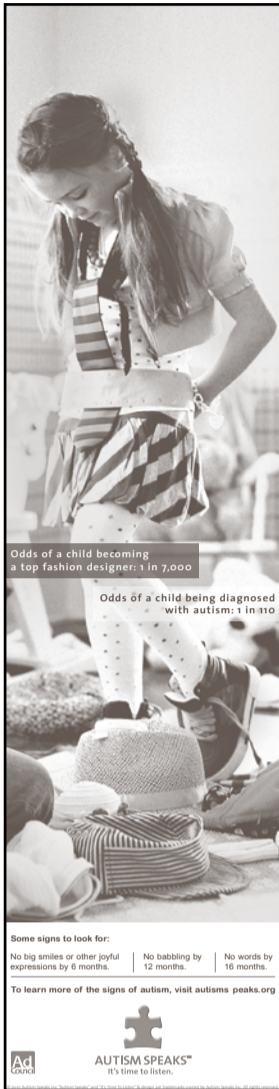
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Human Resources Manager

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PURPOSE

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ROLES

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- Maintain management guidelines by preparing, updating, and recommending human-resources policies and procedures
- Build strong relationships with external suppliers, fostering trust and promoting collaboration
- Handle confidential matters with discretion
- Lead the recruiting function at the property

IMPACT OF ACTION

The Human Resources Manager has a direct impact on the ability to provide Eagle River Casino & Travel Plaza staff and management with a safe and suitable environment in which to visit and/or work.

KEY WORKING RELATIONSHIPS

This position requires the ability to communicate clearly, deal tactfully and work effectively with Eagle River Casino & Travel Plaza staff and management. The incumbent in this position will provide a primary interface to other Casino & Plaza departments.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

- A minimum of 8 years of progress human resources experience in a medium to large organization with experience leading teams and assessing human resources services
- A minimum of 2 years in a senior role in and HR department
- An affinity for the service sector is essential
- Demonstrated success in HR systems and HR Policy/Practice
- Experience of negotiation and influencing at senior management levels
- A leadership style that will incite enthusiasm, provide vision, create a positive morale, role model standards of professionalism
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills are necessary to support diverse associate population
- Strong facilitation and interpersonal skills are essential
- Ability and willingness to develop presentation as required
- A track record effective human resources decision-making and an "urgency to execute" attitude is essential for the fast-paced environment

CANDIDATE PROFILE

- Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Ability to meet deadlines in a rapidly changing business environment.
- Ability to work independently.
- Developed writing skills sufficient to prepare written materials involving detailed descriptions and explanations requiring the accurate use of specialized terminology.
- Self-planning skills sufficient to schedule, organize, and carry out work assignments according to established work plans, adjusting work schedules according to changing priorities.
- Developed judgment and problem-solving skills sufficient to interpret and/or analyze factual and conceptual information with the ability to adapt general procedures or approaches when formulating responses to problems.
- Manages workload independently and works well in teams.
- Develops security and systems knowledge through on-the-job experience.
- Must display leadership skills, the ability to multi-task and adjust to multiple jurisdictions.
- Models company values at all times. Shows strong teamwork skills.
- Working knowledge of MS Word, MS Excel, MS PowerPoint.

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Front of House Manager

Reports To: General Manager

PURPOSE

A structured Front of House Manager role is critical to the success of the Eagle River Casino & Travel Plaza. The primary purpose of the Front of House Manager is to provide leadership and oversight for the food and beverage service and sales.

ROLES

Reporting to the General Manager, the Front of House Manager will be responsible for the daily operations of the outlets (the restaurant and the bar, as well as banquets, catering and special events). The Manager must ensure that service standards, appearance and cleanliness are of the desired levels. The Manager is also directly responsible for ordering inventory, inventory controls, budgeting, and cash floats.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Actively promotes an environment conducive to high quality customer service and employee relations by being a positive leadership example.
- Must ensure that staff maintains prompt, efficient, friendly and knowledgeable service.
- Scheduling, payroll, disciplinary actions, training and mentoring for staff of food and beverage outlets.
- Work with Marketing to promote the food & beverage outlets.
- Create, manage and implement departmental policies & procedure.
- Maintain compliance with AGLC regulations.
- Ensure alcohol is served responsibly.
- Maintain effective inventory controls and practices.
- Ensure maintenance of safety and sanitation standards and policies
- Provide overall direction, coordination, and ongoing evaluation of outlets operations.
- Budgetary, projections, and cost-control skills to be applied to the daily operations of the Department as outlined by the Manager.
- Use a "hands-on" approach to management. Able to coach staff effectively.

IMPACT OF ACTION

The Front of House Manager has a direct impact on the ability to provide Eagle River Casino & Travel Plaza guests, staff and management with a safe and suitable environment in which to visit and/or work.

KEY WORKING RELATIONSHIPS

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QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

- 4-5 years' experience in the Food & Beverage Industry.
- 3-4 years' supervisory/management experience within the Food & Beverage Industry.
- Experience in a casino setting preferred.
- Post secondary education in a related field preferred but not required.
- Training in management and employee development preferred.
- Continuous training and education to keep abreast of changes in the industry and external environment.

CANDIDATE PROFILE

- Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Ability to meet deadlines in a rapidly changing business environment.
- Ability to work independently.
- Extensive food & beverage knowledge and ability to develop and apply practices, procedures, and principles in a casino environment.
- Developed writing skills sufficient to prepare written materials involving detailed descriptions and explanations requiring the accurate use of specialized terminology.
- Self-planning skills sufficient to schedule, organize, and carry out work assignments according to established work plans, adjusting work schedules according to changing priorities.
- Developed judgment and problem-solving skills sufficient to interpret and/or analyze factual and conceptual information with the ability to adapt general procedures or approaches when formulating responses to problems.
- Manages workload independently and works well in teams.
- Develops security and systems knowledge through on-the-job experience.
- Must display leadership skills, the ability to multi-task and adjust to multiple jurisdictions.
- Models company values at all times. Shows strong teamwork skills.
- Working knowledge of MS Word, MS Excel, MS PowerPoint.

WORKING CONDITIONS

The Schedule for this position may vary and would require the ability to work shift work, late nights, weekends and holidays.



If any Woodlands County residents plan to light fireworks as part of their New Year's Eve celebrations this year, listen up. Due to a lack of snow resulting in exposed grasses and dry vegetation, Alberta Wildfire requires written permission from a forest officer before any fuses are lit in the Forest Protection Area of Alberta, which includes the County. With a fire advisory in place, residents are reminded to be extra vigilant and check for any local restrictions before doing winter burning. Those in the Town of Whitecourt with questions about fireworks are encouraged to call the Town office at 780-778-2273.

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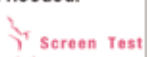
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Eagle River Casino & Travel Plaza

Now Hiring Security Guard Supervisor NOC 62029

Responsibilities:

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

Qualifications:

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

Experience: 2 – 3 years.

Education: Completion of secondary school an asset.

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

Language: English

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

Wage: \$20.77 per hour.

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

Location: Twp.Rd.602A, Hwy 32 North, Whitecourt, AB Canada.

Address: Eagle River Casino & Travel Plaza P.O Box 10 Whitecourt, Alberta Canada T7S-1N3

Contact: 780-779-2727 or Fax 780-706-7451

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How to Apply: Send resume to HR@eaglerivercasino.ca, mail or fax



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

Responsibilities:

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

Qualifications:

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

Experience: 3 – 5 years.

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

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

Language: English

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

Wage: \$23.08 per hour.

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

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Christmas decorations

The Town of Whitecourt's Transit Twinkle Tours took place over the weekend. Over two nights, the transit bus brought residents around the community to see beautifully decorated homes. The free event always books up solid very quickly, but thankfully, the map they use is made public each year so that residents can go on a self-guided tour. Both the Town of Whitecourt and Spirit of Whitecourt Facebook pages have the map posted. There are red bulbs located on it, which show where the best neighbourhoods are for light displays. Here's a sneak peek from the tour.



A pretty deer surrounded by his holiday-themed friends.



A bright display at the end of Stephens Crescent by St. Joseph's Catholic Church.



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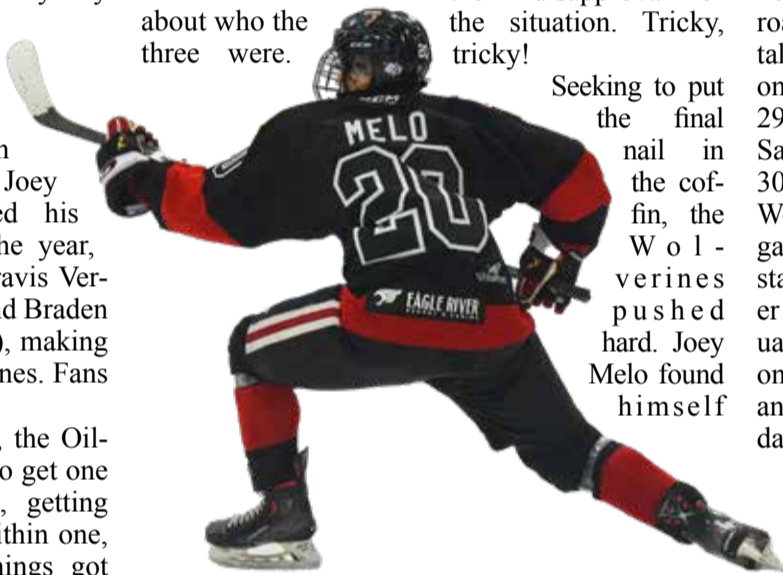
by Spencer Rheume and Jack Franklin. The Wolverines had the lead 1-0. Just past the halfway mark, the Oilers landed one, tying things up. But the Wolverines bounced right back and regained their lead thanks to an unassisted marker by Jack Franklin.

In the second, the game kicked up a notch with hardly any whistles. The game was back and forth and fast. Right in the middle, Joey Melo snagged his eleventh of the year, assisted by Travis Verbeek (14th) and Braden Keeble (22nd), making it 3-1 Wolverines. Fans were pumped!

In the third, the Oilers managed to get one past Charette, getting themselves within one, 3-2. Then, things got

interesting. An Oiler player, Allen Sherpa, took a roughing penalty at 11:36. As the referee moved the face-off into the offensive zone, three Oilers players skipped off the ice for a line change, which they couldn't do. Once they noticed the change, the refs demanded that the same players come back onto the ice, but for some reason, the Oilers team was confused about who the three were.

As players swapped out, the refs would shake their heads and point back to the bench. It took several minutes for things to get straightened out and for the right players to return to where they should've been, on the ice. The lengthy pause gave the Oilers players the break they sneakily sought in the first place, and the refs knew it. Their faces showed their disapproval of the situation. Tricky, tricky!



Seeking to put the final nail in the coffin, the Wolverines pushed hard. Joey Melo found himself

behind the net several times, battling to tap the puck into the very side of the net. Eventually, his determination paid off, and from his knees, after being pushed down, Melo came around the side of the net. His quick moves tricked the goalie, who was looking the other direction, giving him an open net to push in the puck. Wolverines won, 4-2!!

The final games of 2023 will be on the road as the Wolverines take on Lloydminster on Friday, December 29, and Bonnyville on Saturday, December 30. In the new year, the Wolverines have five games in a row at home, starting with Drumheller on Wednesday, January 3, Sherwood Park on Friday, January 5, and Camrose on Saturday, January 6.

A celly for Melo after a wicked goal!



A fierce battle behind the net.

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If you're 45 to 74, you don't need a referral to have a mammogram. Make screening part of your regular health routine. Plan to have a mammogram every 2 years or as decided by you and your healthcare provider.

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Eagle River Casino & Travel Plaza Now Hiring Cashiers NOC 65100

Responsibilities:

- Greet customers
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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.

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

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