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Turning pain into purpose:

how a mother turned her unfathomable loss into a legacy of hope for her two angel sons

Tracy Stark and Stacy Crossland flanked by Wolverines' Coach Shawn Martin and two past Wolverine players.
See story page 5.



Photo Submitted

Winter Park Party a big success as Wolverines join the fray for a night of skating at Percy

By Serena Lapointe

Last week might have started off on the extra chilly side, but by mid-week, temperatures had warmed up nicely. For the organizers and volunteers of Whitecourt's Winter Park Parties, the change in temperature

was welcomed. "We picked a good day! We weren't sure about the chilly weather on Monday, but today warmed up nicely. We really couldn't have picked a better day for this event," said Tina Prodanuk, Crime Prevention

Coordinator for the Town of Whitecourt.

The events started in 2022 to help bring neighbours out of their homes to hang out with each other and get people back to a more com-

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Pembina Pipeline staff having fun serving up hot dogs.



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Wolverines with shoes on their feet instead of skates.



It's a dogfight for the puck!

The second Whitecourt Winter Park Party was held last week. In the previous two years, there have been five events each year (three in the summer, two in the winter) to get people out to the free local hangouts in their neighbourhoods, like parks and rinks, to help build community connectivity.

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community way of life. Following a few years of separation, where people kept their distance from others and stayed home more than they went out, the events aimed to rekindle the neighbourly relationships that once were. “We are out here because we want to bring back the community’s connectivity and show that something as easy as a pop-up event can do that,” said Prodanuk.

The first event was a summer Park Party held at Wedow Park, followed by two more events, one at Athabasca Park and one at Pine Park. A free barbeque, outdoor games, special guests, and good old-fashioned fun were the mainstays at each event, and the crowd

of attendees grew with each one.

The first winter party took place in February of last year, with over 100 people lighting up Dahl Drive Sliding Hill with glowsticks in hand. The following month, residents were invited to skate at Percy Baxter Rink. The winter events proved to be just as popular as the summer ones, with high attendance.

Not wanting to stop the momentum, organizers continued planning events through the summer, holding Park Parties at Baly Park and Southland Park. Last month, there was a Light Up Festival Park Party, where community members were invited to skate or snowshoe at the pond with glow sticks. Pembina Pipeline served over 150 hot dogs, and hot choc-

olate was provided by P.O.W.E.R. (People of Whitecourt Encouraging Resiliency).

This year’s second winter event took place at the Percy Baxter Rink on Thursday last week. “It’s fantastic to see so many people come out. We’ve got all kinds of people here, from hockey players to those who just want to come out and skate or learn to skate to those just in their shoes out on the ice who just want to be here, part of the fun, which is good too,” smiled Prodanuk.

She said it was nice to see everyone using the space together, even if they were doing different things. Prodanuk said it should be that way at any other local rinks in the community. “If you’re playing hockey and others want to skate, I encour-

age everyone to share the ice. Tonight, they shortened the rink to let skaters not playing hockey have ice space to use.” One net was pushed closer to the middle ice, shortening the hockey play area and allowing skaters to use the unused ice.

First responders, from paramedics to firefighters and police officers, have often stopped in during the events as special guests, depending on availability. Last week, a group of special guests arrived spontaneously, much to the organizers’ surprise. “We have the Whitecourt Wolverines out with us this evening. It was a really nice surprise. We weren’t expecting them to be here. Not only did they show up, but they stayed the whole event,” said Prodanuk.

“They are having fun playing hockey with the kids. They’ve been very gracious with their time because there have been some kids who are just learning to skate.”

Prodanuk said another aspect of the party events is providing health-based materials. Courtney Koopmans, a Health Promotion Facilitator with A.H.S., gave healthy tips on smart choices, including helmet safety on the ice. “We are making sure people are taking care of their heads as well as their hearts,” said Prodanuk.

As with the previous event, Pembina Pipeline staff worked hard at the barbeque, serving hot dogs to attendees. Pembina Pipeline Corporation Supervisor Cianna Hunter said participating in community events is crucial. “It’s great for us to be a good community partner in the communities we operate in.”

She called the event super fun and said she was happy to be there. “It’s great for so many community members to come out and support this event, including our Wolverines.” Hunter said if any non-profit groups would like to use their large barbeque for an event or receive sponsorship support, they can vis-

it www.pembina.com and check out their Community Engagement Grant.

Prodanuk said the day couldn’t have gone any better. “My favourite part about these events is getting everybody together because we’ve had a few rough years. I think getting people out of their homes and with their neighbours and having fun like this is important. The Town was very good getting the ice ready for today and making sure the rink was in tip-top shape.”

She hopes the event sparks residents’ interest in having their own neighbourhood parties. “The Town of Whitecourt has a Block Party Program. All you have to do is apply to the Town of Whitecourt to host your own Block Party and they will reimburse you for the costs, up to \$500.

Prodanuk said once a permit is in hand, which she called a seamless process, residents can hold similar events as the Whitecourt Park Parties and Winter Parties. “It’s actually very easy,” she commented. Residents can visit www.whitecourt.ca and search “Block Party” for a guide and planning kit.



A busy rink.



A few of the Wolverines that joined the action.

REQUEST FOR TENDERS

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Sealed tenders must be received at Public Lands Disposition Management, 5th Floor, 9915-108 Street NW, Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2G8, by 2:00 pm MDT, Thursday April 4, 2024.

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PUBLIC HEARING RECESSED UNTIL MARCH 27, 2024

BYLAW 611/24 – ADOPTING DRAFT WOODLANDS COUNTY MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

PLACE	DATE	TIME
WOODLANDS COUNTY MUNICIPAL OFFICE Council Chambers #1 Woodlands Lane, Whitecourt, AB	WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2024	9:45 a.m.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 692 of the Municipal Government Act the Council of Woodlands County is considering the adoption of Draft Woodlands County Municipal Development Plan Bylaw No. 611/24 and repealing Bylaw 406/13 Municipal Development Plan. The purpose of Draft Bylaw 611/24 is to update the current MDP document in key areas, a snapshot of the changes are as noted below:

- Streamlined overall layout and organization of topic areas for ease of readability, and updated mapping;
- New categorization of “Agricultural Land” and Future Subdivision potential using Farmland Assessment Values vs Soil Classification;
- Added Objectives and Policies on Reconciliation;
- Added more context around the Environment responding to events, such as wildfire, flooding and development in more hazardous areas;
- Added context around emerging industries and more robust commentary in the Economic Development Section;
- New add – An Implementation Task Summary – outlines identified objectives that require follow up, who is responsible and time frame.

Pursuant to Bylaw 557 Public Hearing Procedures (copy of the bylaw can be found on the County Website) any person wishing to file a written submission shall file that submission a minimum of 6 days prior to the date of the public hearing and will be included in the Council agenda package.

Written submissions shall be received no later than:

4:30 p.m. on March 20, 2024.

Submissions may be mailed or emailed to:
Woodlands County
Box 60, Whitecourt AB T7S 1N3
Attention: Planning & Development/MDP Review
Email: planning@woodlands.ab.ca

Or interested individuals may attend the public hearing to voice comments or concerns. Comments shall be kept to 5 minutes unless additional time is authorized by the Chair.

If interested parties have questions regarding the draft document those should be addressed prior to the public hearing. Please contact the Planning & Development Department by Telephone: 780-778-8400 or the above Email.

A copy of Bylaw 611/24 Draft Municipal Development Plan may be viewed during regular business hours at the Woodlands County Municipal Offices in Whitecourt at #1 Woodlands Lane or Woodlands County Regional Office in Fort Assiniboine, on Hwy 33 or is available for review on Woodlands County website www.woodlands.ab.ca under Home >Services>Planning & Development>MDP Review.

ADVERTISEMENT PUBLIC SALE OF LAND WOODLANDS COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that under the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, Woodlands County will offer for sale, by public auction, at the Administration Building, Whitecourt, Alberta, on **Thursday, March 28, 2024**, at 2:00 p.m., the following lands:

Roll #	LINC	Title	Legal Desc
35638	0029654704	172244146	5-12-059-23-SW

Each parcel will be offered for sale, subject to a reserve bid and to the reservations and conditions contained in the existing certificate of title.

he land is being offered for sale on an “as is, where is” basis, and Woodlands County makes no representation and gives no warranty whatsoever as to the adequacy of services, soil conditions, land use districting, building and development conditions, absence or presence of environmental contamination, or the developability of subject land for any intended use by the Purchaser. The Purchaser is responsible for obtaining vacant possession.

No bid will be accepted where the bidder attempts to attach conditions precedent to the sale of any parcel. No terms and conditions of sale will be considered other than those specified by Woodlands County.

Woodlands County may, after the public auction, become owner of any parcel of land not sold at the public auction.

Terms: 10% paid by cash or certified cheque due at the time of the auction and that balance of sale proceeds are required to be paid within 10 days after the auction. GST will apply to all properties sold at the public auction. The Purchaser will be responsible for the transfer registration fee.

Redemption may be affected by payment of all arrears of taxes and costs at any time prior to the sale.

Dated at Woodlands County, Alberta, January 31st, 2024.

Andre Bachand, *Acting Chief Administrative Officer*

2024 ANNUAL ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN

Woodlands County is seeking interested volunteer groups to conduct roadside clean-up Saturday, May 4, 2024, with Saturday, May 11, 2024, being the alternate date. The roadways within Woodlands County are as follows:

Provincial Roads	County Managed Roads
Carson-Pegasus Provincial Park Road	Flats/Trestle Road
Secondary 661 - Esso to Gravel	Horse Creek Road
Secondary 661 - Gravel to Ferry	Pride Valley Road
Secondary 658 - Goose Lake to Hwy 33	
Secondary 658 - Christmas Creek to Goose Lake	Timeu (RR45)
Secondary 658 - Christmas Creek to Hwy 43	West Mountain Road
Secondary 751 - Hwy 43 to Secondary 647	East Mountain, Tower and Cutacross Road
Secondary 647 - RR100 and Secondary 751 south to TWP560A	Old Ferry Road
Hwy 32 South to TWP 580	Old Blue Ridge Highway Pavement
Hwy 32 North for 35 KM	Westridge
	Bison
	Robison
	Schuman Lake Campground

Woodlands County will donate \$100 per kilometer (includes both sides) of roadway cleaned.

Volunteer groups will be covered under Woodlands County general liability insurance policy.

A mandatory training session for “Road Managers” of participating organizations will be held at the Woodlands County Municipal Office in Whitecourt and at the Woodlands County Regional Municipal Office in Fort Assiniboine on Monday, April 29, 2024, at 4:30 p.m.

Woodlands County reserves the right to assign roadway sections.

Deadline for letter of application:

Friday, April 19, 2024

Please send an email or letter of interest, which includes your contact phone number, to:

Wilma Harris, Infrastructure Services Secretary
Box 60, #1 Woodlands Lane
Whitecourt, AB T7S 1N3
Telephone: 780-778-8400, Facsimile: 780-778-8402
e-mail: wilma.harris@woodlands.ab.ca



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Turning pain into purpose: how a mother turned her unfathomable loss into a legacy of hope for her two angel sons

Tracy with some of her special
guest coaches at last year's camp.



Photo Submitted

After a successful first year, the R&R Empowering Society of Alberta will hold its 2nd Annual Free Goaltending Camp this summer. Named after Ryder and Radek, two young boys tragically taken from the world in 2016, the society aims to reduce barriers for underprivileged youth.

By Serena Lapointe

When her world went dark before Christmas 2016, Tracy Stark could not have imagined where life, led by her two angels, would take her and how much light would come with it. After the murder of her sons, Ryder (13) and Radek (11), Stark promised them that she would keep their legacies alive and introduce them to the world.

Out of unspeakable darkness, Stark created Nurturing Dreams, Honoring Legacies: The R&R Empowering Society of Alberta. Both Ryder and Radek were huge hockey fans, carrying their love for

sport throughout their young lives. Now, Stark shares their love of sports with others by helping underprivileged children and youth across the province have access to extracurricular activities.

The society first began locally under a different name, but Stark saw an opportunity to reach more children and eventually changed the name and opened the scope, allowing help to spread across the province. Just like the R&R heart stickers, which have been placed in locations around the world, giving Ryder and Radek wings to travel and explore,

Stark wanted to be able to reach further and impact more children.

Along with helping individual youth who need help, the R&R Empowering Society of Alberta started a goalie camp last year and is doing another one this year. In year one, they welcomed 24 goalies over two days, and the camp was a huge success. This year, they've upped it to 36 goalies and added an extra day.

The application deadline, March 31, is fast approaching. "We haven't chosen any goalies yet. We have over 60 applications right now,

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A happy goalie all suited up.



PUZZLES

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SUDOKU

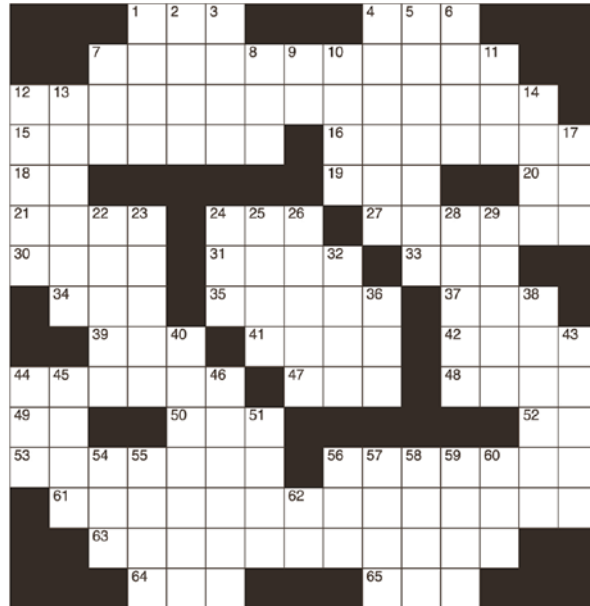
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Level: Intermediate

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!

CROSSWORDS



HOROSCOPE

ARIES

(March 21 - April 20)



Aries, if you notice you have been running into obstacles as you work to achieve your goals, you may want to step back and try to figure out another course of action.

TAURUS

(April 21 - May 21)



Taurus, an offer that notes your efforts and achievements comes your way. Do not let this immediately go to your head, but enjoy the fruits of your labors.

GEMINI

(May 22 - June 21)



Lately your willpower has been weak, Gemini. If diet plans are getting sidelined by your inability to stay on track, you may want to enlist a buddy to keep you motivated.

CANCER

(June 22 - July 22)



Cancer, take a break when you can because there is soon to be a whirlwind of activity coming in your direction. Enjoy down time while it is still available to you.

LEO

(July 23 - August 23)



Leo, exercise caution so that your actions are not misinterpreted. You do not want others thinking you are doing things for the wrong reasons. Try to lighten up and be positive this week.

VIRGO

(August 24 - September 22)



This week you could find yourself being the center of attention at a gathering with friends or family, Virgo. Use the opportunity to get your thoughts out there and heard.

LIBRA

(September 23 - October 23)



Libra, you will need to pick a course and stick with it, especially over the next few days. There is a lot of temptation out there but if you don't commit you'll never get things done.

SCORPIO

(October 24 - November 22)



Arguments that have been slowly building up may come to a head this week, Scorpio. Your best bet is to stay out of the fray by keeping your distance and avoiding commentary.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)



Sagittarius, it is possible that someone new you will meet this week can become a close friend who sticks with you through thick and thin. Look for this person in the days to come.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)



Capricorn, now might be a time to figure out how to reduce some stress, especially if you find that people are avoiding you as of late. A change in attitude is all it takes.

AQUARIUS

(January 21 - February 18)



You might be ready to delve into the next chapter of a relationship, Aquarius. Figure out what means the most to you and move those priorities to the forefront.

PISCES

(February 19 - March 20)



Inspiration comes your way this week, Pisces. You will have plenty of time to do anything you want to put your mind to. Start making that running list of ideas.

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Crossword Clues

CLUES ACROSS

- Helps little firms
- Political action committee
- Allowed
- Olivia Colman played one
- Open
- He had a notable lamp
- Promotional material
- Domesticated animal
- Larry and Curly's buddy
- The best ever
- TV network
- Checked for
- Dry or withered
- Expression of annoyance
- Dash
- Fifth note of a major scale

- A secret clique
- Partner to cheese
- __ school: where to learn healing
- Gasteyer and de Armas are two
- Established practice
- Thanksgiving side dish
- District in Peru
- It's becoming more prevalent
- State in India
- Measure of illumination
- Raised platform
- Japanese warrior
- R.L. Stevenson novel
- Transitory
- Advanced degree
- Fiddler crabs

CLUES DOWN

- Prevent from seeing
- Czech city
- __ and Andy, TV show
- A young pig
- Removed surgically
- Covered with
- Chest muscle (slang)
- Nigerian City
- Midway between south and east
- A way to shut
- Stop playing
- Marshy places
- Takes apart
- Ten cents
- A gesture of assent
- Scent
- Teletypewriter
- General's assistant (abbr.)
- Hillside
- Taxi driver
- Semitic Sun god
- Town in India
- Traditional rhythmic pattern
- Fugitives are on the __
- Type of dance
- Two letters, one sound
- Having a strong, pleasant taste
- Golf score
- Mayhem
- Drenched
- River in northeastern Asia
- Drug to treat anxiety (abbr.)
- Part-time employee
- A very large body of water
- Aboriginal people of Japan
- Millisecond
- Forearm bone
- Subway dweller
- Royal Mail

ST. PATRICK'S DAY WORD SEARCH

T A K C T O L I V J L K L J A G G L O N
O D A R E B K K S I U E A N J I G E D U
E A B J B D E D M F O R T U N E U P K E
E U E P V J V A D M I D O O P H R R C O
I O K A B G R G D F P R A H R F C E O F
B J H T F B E G G A E L I C M I I C R E
I J P R I J V V T G C C A E D U G H M I
D N F I P E O H V V A E D C A V A A H
S S V C V R L T N F C L C G D G M U H C
M R T K P I C G K E U T A L G N F N S S
O H B K O N H D L E I I U T J F A V R I
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J U R E A A G G N O M P A R A D E S M M
R L M T S G F O A T S V H B I U K R L S
A E I F M P L L L B N A B E N F U H V J
A O H C R A M D E V R O V B K N E V T L
N R D H S I R I R P J F J H O J P T G J
A S P R G F U H I C D N E G E L U L E R

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

WORDS

CELEBRATION
CELTIC
CLOVER

EMERALD
ERIN
FORTUNE
GAELIC

GOLD
HARP
IRELAND
IRISH

ISLAND
JIG
LEGEND
LEPRECHAUN

LUCK
MAGIC
MARCH
MISCHIEF

PARADES
PATRICK
SAINT
SHAMROCK
TRADITION

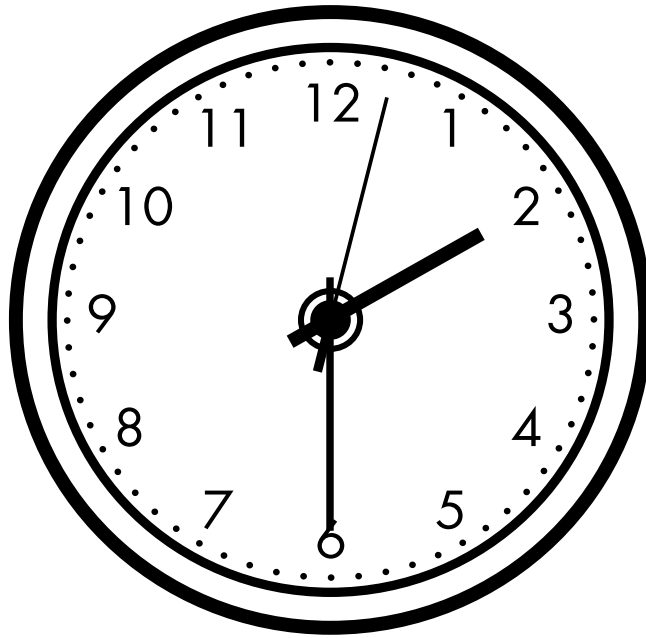


CANADIAN Kids Corner



Creative Colouring

Colour in this picture to create your own masterpiece.



CANADA



HISTORY

1845

THE WELLAND CANAL, A SHIP CANAL IN ONTARIO, CANADA, AND PART OF THE ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY AND GREAT LAKES WATERWAY, OPENS.



TRUE OR FALSE?
ONLY ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF THE WORLD'S COUNTRIES PRACTICE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME.

ANSWER: TRUE

Double Word Puzzle

Unscramble the words to reveal the sentence.

CCLKO
9

MTEI
7

UHORS
10 11 12 2 1

DHGTLIY
8 5 3 4 6

P N
1 2 3 4

5 6 7 5 8

N
9 7

10 11 12 2

Answers: Clock, Time, Hours, Daylight, Spring ahead one hour.



ADJUST

to alter or move something

How they SAY that in...

- ENGLISH:** Time
- SPANISH:** Tiempo
- ITALIAN:** Tempo
- FRENCH:** Temps
- GERMAN:** Zeit

Did You Know?

IN EACH OF THE TIME ZONES WHERE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME IS OBSERVED, PEOPLE MOVE THE CLOCK AT 2 A.M. LOCAL TIME.



GET THE PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: SUNRISE ON A FARM

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Located within the Carlan Services Community Centre
The Whitecourt Food Bank is operated by the Town of Whitecourt Food Bank Coordinator and dependent on volunteers to operate. The Food Bank relies on donations of cash or food from individuals and organizations. Local grocery stores drop off baked goods including bread and pastries weekly. Other corporations and schools schedule food drives throughout the year.
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WHITECOURT GROUP OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

All meetings are in person and online (hybrid)

- Mondays 7:00pm
- Wednesdays 7:30pm

Meetings held at the Family Worship Center upstairs.
ZOOM ID: **818 413 483** PASSWORD: **gratitude**

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Kim Nendsa (President of Whitecourt Cancer & Wellness Society) **780-778-0932**
Aimee Grierson **780-262-0222**

<https://wctcancerwellness.com/>
**Monthly meetings have been postponed due to COVID-19

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WELLSPRING FAMILY RESOURCE & CRISIS CENTRE
@whitecourt_shelter

Shelter:
Wellspring Provides a Safe, Short Term, Supportive Residential Environment for Women With or Without Children, Fleeing Family Violence & Experiencing Crisis.

Outreach Support Program:
Ongoing Support, Advocacy, Follow-Up & Support Groups for Women, Men and Youth in Whitecourt and Surrounding Communities.

Child Support Program:
Child Care & After School Programs - Age Appropriate Programs & Support for Children Who Have Been Affected By Family Violence

Preventative Education:
Provides Workshops, Information and Awareness to Schools, Community Organizations, Agencies and Businesses

Wellspring
Family Resource & Crisis Centre
www.whitecourtshester.ca

GRIEF SHARE



Support group on Tuesdays 6:30pm - 8:30 pm, starting February 20, 2024 at Crossroads Community Church, 4419 44 Ave, Mayerthorpe.
\$35 includes 12 weekly sessions.
Pre-register by calling 780-786-2533.

Whitecourt Alcoholics Anonymous Group



Meetings are three times each week

- Monday 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm
- Wednesday 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm
- Friday 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm

New Women's AA Group on Saturdays @11 am

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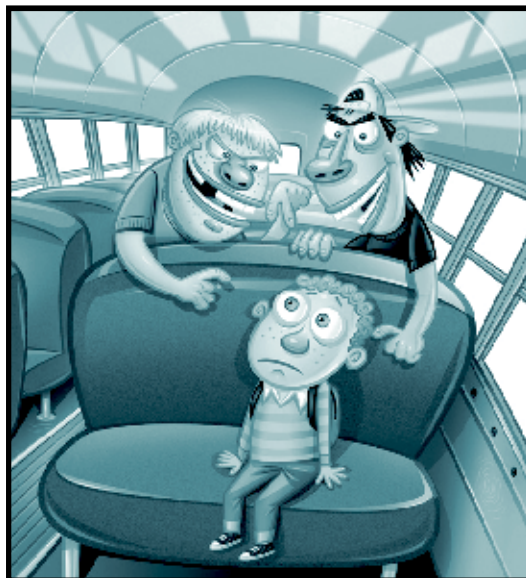


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Age - 13

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but we will wait until the deadline closes to go through all the applications. Our group of five people will go through and read them to pick who is accepted into the camp," explained Stacy Crossland, Social Media and Marketing for the R&R Empowering Society of Alberta.

"The camp is for goalies facing financial and extenuating circumstances," said Crossland. She said there could be many reasons why someone might apply that aren't just based on finances, including divorce, a death in the family, or a lost job. "We don't want to base it solely on how much someone

makes. We want to hear out everybody."

Once the deadline comes and the group of five sits down to begin the process of selecting this year's goalies, the hard work begins. "It's very hard to choose. Everybody who applies probably deserves to be there, and we have to say no, which is really tough. Just like with everything, you can't help absolutely everybody, but the more people we can help, the better," said Crossland.

The camp is free and is for youth from U9 to U18. Crossland said two sports performance coaches are lined up to speak to attendees this year. "Mental training is a really important

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A bench full of goalies ready to learn.

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If you are interested in serving on this Board, please complete an application form which can be found on the Whitecourt website at www.whitecourt.ca or picked up at the Town Office. Applications must be received before 12:00 noon, Wednesday, March 20, 2024 to:

Whitecourt Town Administration Office
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Contact the Executive Assistant at 780-778-2273 if you have questions about this Board and the application process.

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The Town of Whitecourt is seeking non-profit organizations to perform refuse pickup duties within the community, including highway ditches and boulevards. The refuse pickup schedule will run throughout April to the end of October (weather permitting). At least one group is needed for July and one group for August.

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For further details, please contact the Infrastructure Services Department at 780-778-2705.

Written letters of application must be received at the following address by **12:00 noon on Monday, April 5:**

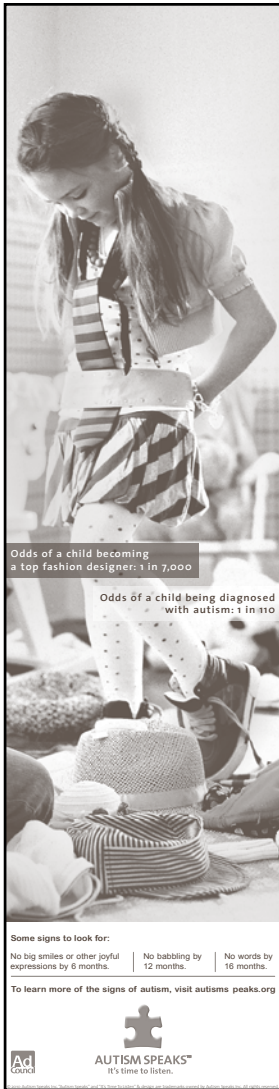
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30%	30%	30%	20%	10%
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-5°C	0°C	-2°C	-3°C	-4°C
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The Whitecourt Minor Hockey U13 Wolverines Team #3 was recently captured in playoff action against Hinton. The kids played hard as their family and friends cheered them on, loudly. These pictures, taken in the McLeod Rink at JDA Place at the end of February by proud U13 hockey dad, James Stanchfield, show the puck in motion, often in midair, as players chipped the rubber from end to end.

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part of being a goaltender. I'm really excited to offer that to them because I know that will help them immensely going forward."

Crossland, who worked for the Starks when Ryder and Radek lost their lives, said it is an honour to join Tracy's foundation. "I truly believe in what she's doing and that it's keeping the boys' legacy alive. It's a passion for me. When the foundation gets to help youth continue to play sports or get a piece of equipment they wouldn't be able to get otherwise, it's satisfying to see that."

The camp, which enables kids to participate in something that they wouldn't have been able to otherwise due to the cost, is also satisfying, said Crossland. "Not everyone can dish that out for their child. I know gaining those skills as a goalie is really important to keep moving your game forward. We wanted to help out in some way."

Last year, the goalies learned from various guest speakers and goalie coaches, including Koehn Zimmer of the LA Kings. "He was a guest shooter, and he signed autographs and hung out for a bit. It was a great experience. I think the kids left the camp with much more knowledge and skill than they had coming in," said Crossland.

This year's camp will feature special guests, still unnamed, and lots of training opportunities for kids to grow their skills. Previous members of the Whitecourt Wolverines, including head coach Shawn Martin, Jaden Leslie, and past goalie Carson Ironside, also took part last year. "It was great having them join us. The kids loved it."

For Stark, the camp is another way she brings her boys into her present. "We are all here, doing this, because Ryder and Radek lost their lives. We are here for one mission: to share Ryder and Radek's memory with the world. It started with stickers, and now we are changing kids' lives.

For me, it is empowering to be able to do that. I'm very humble, and I don't want recognition. I just do it because my kids are in me, and they give me the strength to do this every single day."

Stark said helping children is the purpose she feels called to on behalf of her sons. "Some days, it's so hard to wake up and do this and put one foot in front of the other and do this for other children and do life without my kids. As a grieving mother, you expect to die with your children. It's unfathomable that I've gone through this, and the only thing I can say is that my children make me a better person, and I have no doubt that they are pushing me every day."

With the camp and tournaments they do, Stark said she sees her boys in the smiles and happiness of attendees. "I see my boys in their faces, in their smiles. I see Ryder and Radek playing hockey and having fun on the ice. When the kids get their swag bags, I can see Radek getting his, showing it off, and being so happy about what he got. I envision my kids in these kids. My kids would be 18 and 21 now, but they were 11 and 13. It brings part of a childhood back to my life. I see these kids as my kids."

Stark said she is grateful for the support she has received for the events and fundraisers held to raise funds for the foundation. "It's empowering to be part of this and build it. But I don't do this alone. Anyone who attends an event, watches a show, buys a ticket, or donates a prize is part of this community. Together, we are making a difference and changing kids' lives."

Sponsorship from Whitecourt and across the province, as well as donations from as far as Ontario, make the camps and everything else they do possible. "We don't talk much about who receives money or who we help. We want to respect the applicants. But we are ac-

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tively helping youth throughout the year,” said Crossland.

In just two short years, the R&R Empowering Society of Alberta has helped over forty youths, on top of those chosen for camps. With each child helped, Ryder and Radek’s legacy continues to grow. One recent recipient of support was a Taekwondo athlete. “We sponsored him to attend the Canada and US Opens,” said Stark. “Doing this is my purpose, and my boys are with me every step of the way.”

Stark and Crossland encourage anyone interested in attending this year’s 2nd Annual Free R&R Goaltending Camp, which will be held on July 19, 20, and 21 in Edmonton at the Terwilleger Rec Centre, to submit their applications by March 31. To apply, visit www.rnrempoweringsofAlberta.ca and look under Programs.

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- Co-ordinate, assign and review work
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- 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.

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