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“Mini” Rotary project promotes literacy by making books even more accessible



Terri, Nevis and Holly, alongside Deputy Fire Chiefs Taya Green and Aaron Floyd.

By Serena Lapointe

Following an out-of-town visit to a different municipality a few years ago, Whitecourt Rotarian Holly Astill (Community Service Projects Coordinator)

brought an idea back with her and decided to test it out in her own front yard. What she might not have expected was the joy the project would result in for her-

self in watching others use it.

The project was a mini library, and her busy front sidewalk was the

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Last week, Alayssia Drews, owner of Talk of the Toddlers Day home in Whitecourt, set up a row of chairs on her driveway so her day home children could watch the big, green GFL garbage truck as it picked up her bin. At 9:30 am, the group went outside. "My kids look forward to every Thursday morning, and some days, by the time everyone gets to the door and outside, we miss seeing it. So, I decided to set up the chairs so we wouldn't miss it," she explained. As the truck rolled up to her house, the driver spotted them on her driveway and stopped. "We were delighted when he hopped out of the truck and came to give high-fives to the kids," said Drews. The GFL driver, Chris Lapointe, even let the kids take a peek inside the truck. "Big thanks to Chris for being the highlight of the week and making the kid's day!"

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS

Estate of Frank Alexander Benko who died on March 10, 2024
If you have a claim against this estate, you must file by April 22, 2024 With

Violet Stoik
Verhaege Law, Suite 203 10525-170 Street NW, Edmonton Alberta, T5P-4W2

Notice to Creditors

In the matter of the estate of **Jane Catherine MACPHERSON**, late of Fox Creek, Alberta who passed away on April 14, 2024. All creditors and claimants are hereby notified that they must present their claims within 30 days from the date of this notice.

The executor of the Estate is **Ian Scott MACPHERSON**. Any inquiries or claims should be directed to 3macpherson@gmail.com. Further information regarding the estate's assets and outstanding debts should be directed to the executor for consideration and possible review by the Estate's legal representation.

Dated: May 10, 2024.
Authorized by: **Ian Scott MACPHERSON**
Executor /Trustee of the Estate

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR Permanent Guardianship Order TO DELANO MAZUREN

Take notice that on the **21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 27th days of May, 2024 at 9:30 a.m., at Calgary Family Court, Courtroom #302, 601 - 5th Street SW, Calgary, Alberta**, a Trial will take place.

A Director, under the Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act will make an application for: Permanent Guardianship Order; of your child born on July 22nd 2021. If you wish to speak to this matter in court, you **MUST** appear in court on this date. You do have the right to be represented by a lawyer. If you do not attend in person or by a lawyer, an Order may be made in your absence and the Justice may make a different Order than the one being applied for by the Director. You will be bound by any Order the Justice makes.

You do have the right to appeal the Order within 30 days from the date the Order is made.

Contact: Leanne Baines; Jody Belbin
Children's Services Calgary Region
Phone: (403) 297-2978



PUBLIC NOTICE

ANC Timber Ltd. 2024 HERBICIDE APPLICATION PROJECT

Please be advised that ANC Timber Ltd. is looking for input on their upcoming herbicide application program for 2024. ANC Timber Ltd. will be conducting both aerial and ground herbicide application programs between August 6th and September 20th, 2024. The application will treat approximately 400 hectares of existing cutover area. The applications will be in portions of:

Township	Ranges	Meridian
49	12, 13, 15	W5M
58	21	W5M
59	17, 23, 24	W5M
60	22, 23, 24	W5M

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INVITATION TO TENDER: Whitecourt Culture & Events Centre

SCOPE OF WORK: All Trade Scopes

TENDER ISSUED: April 23, 2024

TENDER CLOSING DATE: May 16, 2024 at 2:00 PM

RFI DEADLINE: May 9, 2024 at 4:00 PM

SITE VISIT: May 2, 2024 at 10:30 AM

PROJECT ADDRESS:

5401 51 Street, Whitecourt, AB
Lot R, Block 16, Plan 4273 KS

BIDDER INQUIRIES & TENDER DOCUMENTS CONTACT:

Martin Fehr, Estimator
martin.fehr@clarkbuilders.com

PRIME CONSULTANT: BR2 Architecture

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER: Clark Builders



RCMP ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Whitecourt RCMP Traffic Unit seizes drugs during traffic stops



On April 18, 2024, at 7:45 p.m., Alberta RCMP Traffic – Whitecourt Unit was performing roving patrols in Whitecourt. A driver on Hwy 43 was observed not wearing a seatbelt. A roadside stop was conducted and the Alberta RCMP Traffic Unit officer noted that the VIN did not match the registration and insurance documents. It was determined that the vehicle had been stolen out of Didsbury, Alta.,

in 2022. The driver was arrested and a search of the vehicle incidental to arrest revealed the following items, valued at over \$10000, which were seized:

- 156 grams of suspected methamphetamine;
- 8.5 grams of suspected cocaine;
- 7 grams of suspected hash; and
- Break in tools.

As a result of the investigation, Amanda Lee McVittie (52),

a resident of Calgary, was charged with:

- Possession for the purpose of trafficking (x2);
- Possession of stolen property over \$5000;
- Possession of break in tools;
- Breach of undertaking; and
- Traffic Safety Act tickets (x4).

McVittie was released on conditions and is to appear at the

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perfect spot for it. “We happen to have two bus stops in front of our home, which is why I wanted to place it there. We also happen to have a decorative bench on our property, and it’s one of my greatest thrills to look out in the morning and see children waiting for the bus, sitting on the bench, reading a book. It makes my day.”

The success at her corner lot at 30 Park Drive inspired another Rotarian to place one in their front yard. From there, Astill reached out to Rotary about officially becoming involved. “I brought it up and indicated that we are very much a supporter of literacy and children in particular. I thought that would be a great project for Rotary, and of course, Rotary jumped on board,” she explained.

On Wednesday, May 1, two more mini libraries were placed, blazoned with Rotary stickers, thanks to a donation from Topline Promotions. “The big premise is community but also that literacy is so important. What fun to be able to take a book, leave a book or even browse through them and see what’s in there,” said Astill.

Rotary is an international club, and literacy worldwide is a significant pillar of its focus. “We are very fortunate in Canada that our literacy rates are much higher than those of developing countries. Having said



Rotarians are always up to something good in their communities, and last week, Whitecourt Rotarians set up two new mini libraries. The standalone structures encourage literacy and promote reading for all. Holly with Nevis and Jennifer at the Crestview Apartments.

that, literacy is still on our radar, too, because of so much social media and people being online. It’s never a bad idea to have books in the hands of children, adults, and anyone interested in

reading. It’s of huge importance to make sure people can read,” explained Astill.

The newest mini libraries are on the corner by the Whitecourt Fire Hall and at 37 Sunset Boule-

vard in front of Crestview Apartments. The Rotary Club received permission from the Town of Whitecourt and Crestview to place the structures. She said they might look into putting more out in the

future and have already received requests.

Astill said the Whitecourt Public Library had also been a big help. “As soon as we even mentioned it, they were in huge support of it. They’ve put some mini libraries out in the community and helped others. They are very generous whenever I need some books in the mini library in front of my home. They always have used books at the back that I can purchase for a small amount, or they

The mini library project also ties in with a program that Rotary is part of, thanks to a generous and well-known country singer from the USA. “The Dolly Parton Imagination Library is a program that Dolly Parton herself started in the United States. She grew up very poor and started this to bring books to children that would never have a book of their own.” The program has since expanded and is now in five countries: the USA, the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, and the Republic of Ireland. Nearly three million children are registered for it, and over 230 million books have been given out since it started.

“The program that Rotary supports here in Whitecourt is through her foundation. Children aged 0-5 can apply and get a book mailed to them

each month for free. Parents can sign up on our website. The books are age-specific for your child’s age, but they also have a lot of Canadian content. They also try, when two books go to the same household, not to duplicate them, and they change the books all the time. What a thrill it is for a child to open the mailbox every month and have a brand-new book addressed to them that they can read,” said Astill.

Local Rotary Clubs keep track of everyone who signs up in their area, and if someone moves without reregistering their new address, the books are sent to the club. Now, those extra books will have somewhere to go. “Sometimes we give them out if we are at a trade fair, but we also use those books to put into our mini-libraries,” explained Astill. “It all ties together.” Thanks to the Whitecourt Rotary Club, many local families are getting to enjoy Dolly Parton’s generosity in more ways than one.

Whitecourt has several mini-libraries, including ones on Wedow Drive, Whitecourt Avenue and at Astill’s home on Park Drive. The newest two, the red one at the Fire Hall and the blue one in front of the Crestview Apartments (uptown, near the hospital and AJMC), are up and ready to be enjoyed. Residents are encouraged to take a book, leave a book, or take a peek.

DISCRETIONARY USE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION

The Municipal Planning Commission will be making a decision on the following development permit application as per the Woodlands County Land Use Bylaw, at their regular meeting on **Wednesday, May 15 at 4:00 p.m. at the Whitecourt Municipal Office**, downstairs.

Section 19 of the Woodlands County Land Use Bylaw provides opportunity for any person who may have comments on the proposed development to deliver to the Development Officer, a written statement of their concerns indicating: their full name and address and the reasons for their comments to the proposed use.

If you have any comment or concern regarding this proposal you may provide a written statement via email to planning@woodlands.ab.ca prior to **4:30 pm., May 9, 2024** or you may attend the meeting to voice any comments.

Comments received will be taken into consideration by the Municipal Planning Commission.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION	DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION NUMBER	PROPOSAL
PT. SE 1-59-12-W5M LOT 5, BLOCK 1 Plan 952-5305	15-021-2024	Transport Contractor Business (minor): 2 trucks & 2 trailers

Information regarding this application may be obtained by inquiring prior to **4:30 pm, May 9, 2024.**

Attention: Peter McKay, Development Officer
planning@woodlands.ab.ca

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Box 60, #1 Woodlands Lane, Whitecourt AB T7S 1N3
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Alberta Court of Justice in Whitecourt on June 11, 2024.

On April 19, 2024 at 5 p.m., Alberta RCMP Traffic - Whitecourt Unit was performing speed enforcement on Hwy 43 near Whitecourt. A vehicle was observed traveling at 146 km/h in a 110km/h zone. An Alberta RCMP Traffic Unit conducted a roadside stop and observed the

windows being rolled down, letting a cloud of cannabis-tinted smoke waft out, while hand rolled cigarettes were being thrown. The officer noted drugs within the vehicle, resulting in the arrest of six people. The vehicle was searched and the following items, valued at over \$90000, were seized:

- 1.2 kilograms of suspected methamphetamine;
- 178.8 grams of sus-

pected cocaine;

- 2938 millilitres of codeine syrup;
- 78 bars of alprazolam; and
- A loaded prohibited handgun.

As a result of the investigation, the following people were arrested:

- Tommy Kayfay (19) and Chino Guiawan (21), both resident of Edmonton, as well as Bradley Mercredi (32) and April Sayine (33), both resident

of Yellowknife, NT, were charged with:

- Possession for the purpose of trafficking (x4);
- Firearm-related offences (x5); and
- Transporting Cannabis/Alcohol within easy access of occupant (x2).
- Gulied Ahmed Umar (19), a resident of Edmonton, was charged with:
 - Possession for the purpose of trafficking (x4);

- Firearm-related offences (x6);
- Transporting Cannabis/Alcohol within easy access of occupant (x2);
- Breach of release order (x2); and
- Provincial sanctions (Impaired driving and speeding).
- Suleiman Mohamed Abdow (28), a resident of Edmonton, was charged with:
 - Possession for the purpose of traffick-

- ing (x4);
- Firearm-related offences (x6);
- Transporting Cannabis/Alcohol within easy access of occupant (x2);
- Possession of an identity document not belonging to them;
- Obstruct police officer;
- Identity fraud; and
- Breach of release order.

Abdow, Umar, Guiawan, Kayfay, Mercredi, and Sayine were brought before a justice of the peace. Abdow and Umar were remanded into custody, to appear at the Alberta Court of Justice in Whitecourt on May 14, 2024. Guiawan, Kayfay, Mercredi, and Sayine were released on conditions, to appear at the Alberta Court of Justice in Whitecourt on May 14, 2024.

“The Alberta RCMP Traffic - Whitecourt Unit are always hard at work not only enforcing traffic-related laws but making sure that illegal goods transiting through the area are seized and that the people found with them are dealt with according to the applicable laws” said Sgt. Greg ANDERSON, NCO i/c of the Alberta RCMP Traffic - Whitecourt Unit. “The Whitecourt unit provides Traffic Services such as community consultations, education and enforcement, to four detachment areas, including Whitecourt, Mayert-horpe, Fox Creek and Swan Hills. Although our mandate is to provide traffic-related services, the Alberta RCMP Traffic-Whitecourt Unit also provides back-up, support and assistance to these detachments as necessary”.



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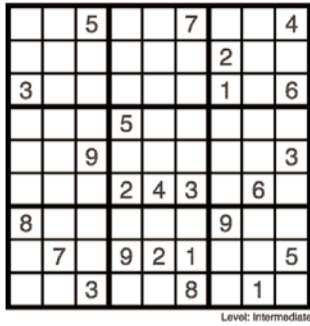
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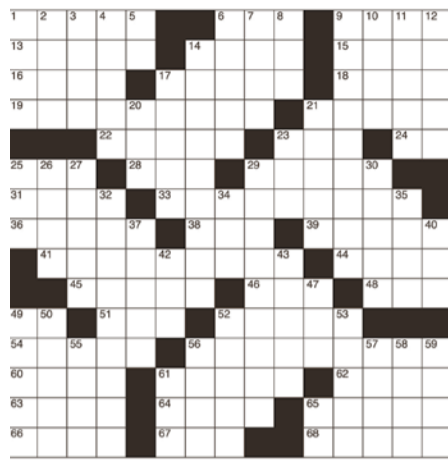
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Crossword Clues

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. It wakes you up
- 6. A place to sleep
- 9. Czech village
- 13. Appetizer
- 14. African country
- 15. Dark brown or black
- 16. Parent-teacher groups
- 17. Saturates
- 18. ESPN personality Kimes
- 19. Songs to a lover
- 21. Cavalry-sword
- 22. Begat
- 23. Patriotic women
- 24. Famed Princess
- 25. One who does not conform
- 28. Neither
- 29. Nigerian monetary unit
- 31. Body parts
- 33. Hit Dave Matthews Band song
- 36. Depicts with pencil
- 38. Make into leather without tannin
- 39. Plants grow from them
- 41. Alias
- 44. Fingers do it
- 45. More dried-up
- 46. Clod
- 48. Senior officer
- 49. A way to listen to music
- 51. The bill in a restaurant

- 52. Historic center of Artois region
- 54. Cyprinid fishes
- 56. Poisonous perennial plant
- 60. Scottish Loch
- 61. Heads
- 62. Extra seed-covering
- 63. Wings
- 64. Britpop band
- 65. Forearm bones
- 66. Small immature herring
- 67. Female sibling
- 68. Hymn

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Vipers
- 2. Not on time
- 3. Resembling a wing or wings
- 4. Tears down
- 5. Professional designation
- 6. Noise a sheep made
- 7. Type of lodge
- 8. Speak poorly of
- 9. Ties the knot again
- 10. Apron
- 11. Studied intensively
- 12. City in Finland
- 14. One who monitors
- 17. 18-year astronomical period
- 20. Trent Reznor's band
- 21. Takes to the sea
- 23. Split pulses
- 25. Valentine's Day color
- 26. Wyatt _
- 27. Type of rail
- 29. One from the Big Apple
- 30. Asteroids
- 32. Made more sugary
- 34. Change in skin pigment
- 35. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
- 37. Koran chapters
- 40. A place to relax
- 42. Young woman ready for society life
- 43. Female horses
- 47. Half of Milli Vanilli
- 49. Icelandic poems
- 50. Indiana town
- 52. Golden peas
- 53. Closes tightly
- 55. It's mined in mountains
- 56. Cliff (Hawaii)
- 57. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
- 58. Monetary unit
- 59. Primordial matter
- 61. TV station
- 65. Rise

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WORDS

- BAR
- BEETS
- BUTTER
- CAESAR
- CELERY
- CHEESE
- CROUTONS
- CRUNCHY
- DIET
- DRESSING
- GARNISH
- GREENS
- ICEBERG
- OLIVES
- ONIONS
- RADISHES
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- 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
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- Requisition materials and supplies
- Resolve work-related problems and prepare and submit progress and other reports.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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For further details on any of these opportunities visit www.whitecourt.ca and search the project title.

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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, May 22, 2024 to:

Whitecourt Town Administration Office
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WHITECOURT, AB T7S 1N6
email: administration@whitecourt.ca

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

Applications will be presented to Town Council.

ENHANCED DRIVEWAY CROSSING REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

The Town of Whitecourt is continuing the Enhanced Driveway Crossing Replacement Program for those property owners wishing to upgrade their private driveway crossings. The Town will cost share with the owner up to 60% for the costs associated with the removal, disposal and replacement of the residential driveway crossing installed according to the "Minimum Standard for Local Improvements".

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

The program application for 2024 must be completed, signed and submitted with a minimum \$800.00 deposit prior to May 30, 2024 to be considered for replacement in the current calendar year.

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

Town of Whitecourt, Box 509, 5004 – 52 Avenue, Whitecourt, AB T7S 1N6
Email: administration@whitecourt.ca | Phone: 780.778.2273

ONLINE VEHICLE AUCTION

Current opportunities are posted through Government Surplus Auctions (GovDeals) on behalf of the Town of Whitecourt:

- Swenson 2 Cubic Yard Pickup Mounted Sander

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FREE CLEAN UP WEEK

MAY 22-25

To assist you with your spring cleaning, we will be offering free disposal at the Whitecourt Regional Landfill from May 22-25, 2024.

FREE Clean Up Week is jointly offered to Whitecourt and Woodlands County residents. Excludes industrial and commercial customers.

DROP OFF DAY PREP

Residents will be required to show their **Landfill Access Tag** to receive **free disposal**. Two pieces of identification showing your street address/land location will also be accepted (i.e. driver's licence, tax notice, utility bill, etc.).

All items must be sorted, and bagged or bundled for disposal.

Residents will be responsible for unpacking and placing items in designated areas at the Landfill so be sure to wear appropriate footwear for the Landfill.

DROP OFF HOURS At The Whitecourt Regional Landfill

Located 17kms east of Whitecourt on Highway 43.

Wednesday, May 22 to Saturday, May 25
9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT

Saturday, May 18 and
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For Town of Whitecourt residents only.



HAMLET CLEAN UP

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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

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Aimee Grierson **780-262-0222**

<https://wctcancerwellness.com/>
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\$35 includes 12 weekly sessions.

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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

Located at the United Church Basement 5201 - 50 St
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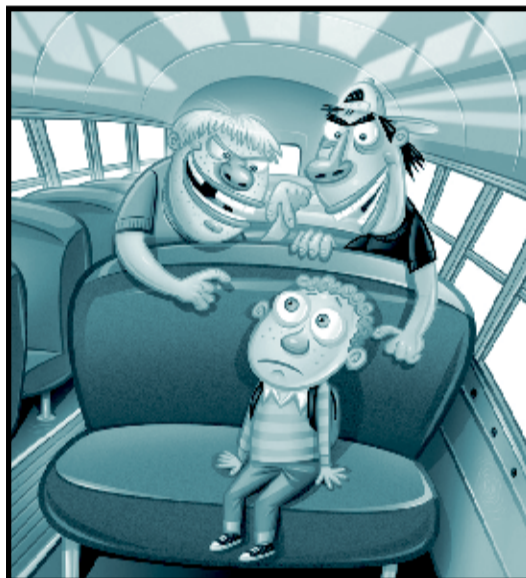


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Putting a face on suicide



Aliana Roberson
Age 12

21-Feb-2006 ... 2-Oct-2018

Every 40 seconds somewhere around the world someone dies by suicide, that's 99 people every 66 minutes. Every day, that's almost 100 people in the United States alone, and over 2160 worldwide. Putting a Face on Suicide (PAFOS) is a suicide awareness project that creates posters and videos to pay tribute to those we have lost to suicide with dignity and respect. PAFOS humanizes the daunting statistics; lovingly replacing numbers with faces.

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New store construction to start beside No Frills soon following permit approval from Town Council

By Serena Lapointe

Activity beside Mike & Rebecca's No Frills has piqued interest in those passing by the area. The grassy tree-lined field separating motorists on Dahl Drive from the backyards of residences on 45 Street has been a mainstay of the area, beloved by the resident deer population, among other critters. The area was always meant to be a future development spot in the community, with the Town waiting in anticipation for a developer to come knocking.

During Whitecourt Town Council's March 25 regular meeting, the elected officials approved a tree removal application from David Green Tree Services for part of the grassy lot. The area is in a Direct Control land use district, which means that the Council is the authority on any development activity there. Any developments planned for property in a D-C district need the Council's approval first.

The stretch of land between 52 Avenue and 55 Avenue, which includes Anytime Fitness, No Frills, and the Mobil Gas Bar, falls under D-C and is 6.17 acres, with about half of the land developed. The vacant portion of the property,

where the field is, has been planned to have two developments on it. The tree removal development permit was for one of the two spots, with the trees on the remaining piece staying put until another development is approved.

Within about a month, the trees were down, and the ground had been raked. The swift removal was due to the Migratory Birds Convention Act, which requires that tree removal not happen between May 1 and August 10 unless approved by a biologist or bird naturalist. The dates protect nesting birds who might be using the trees.

The remaining trees on the undeveloped part of the property, nearest 55 Avenue, across the street from St. Joseph's Parish, will receive FireSmart treatment and be cleaned up. The meeting's agenda stated that campfires had been repeatedly taking place within the trees and that cleaning them up might deter the activity, reduce the risk of fire, and make it safer. The agenda also revealed which business wanted to take up shop in the community: Shoppers Drug Mart.

During the April 22 regular meeting, the Council reviewed the

development permit application for the store itself. The Shoppers Drug Mart building will be 17,000 square feet and is estimated to employ between 30 and 40 employees once they are open for business.

Kerina Sorochan, Senior Development Officer, and Jenine Loberg, Director of Planning and Development for the Town of Whitecourt, presented the permit application to the Council. Sorochan explained that two areas of the application required consideration as they didn't quite meet the land use bylaw.

The applicant proposed building a new access point to the property from Dahl Drive, 48.7m from the curb of 55 Avenue. The current land use bylaw requires at least 50m. The applicant requested that the Council approve the slightly closer entrance, giving a variance of 1.3m.

The second consideration was that the access point needed to be wider than the land use bylaw allowed. "The applicant proposes construction of a new right-in/right-out only access to Dahl Drive. The proposed access measures 12.48m at the property line and 28.96m at the curb. This exceeds the maxi-

mum set out in the land use bylaw of 9.0m at the property line and 13.0m at the curb line," said Sorochan.

She added that the applicant had modelled the size of typical delivery trucks and confirmed that the width they were asking for was required to accommodate the turning movements of delivery vehicles to and from the site. The entrance would allow traffic to flow in off Dahl Drive or back onto it.

Along with the two variance requests, the proposed permit approval before the Council included 34 conditions for the applicant to follow, such as snow removal, purchasing a water meter, ensuring that all

service connections are completed to the Town's standards, construction of a drainage system, outdoor garbage storage screened from view, signed fire lanes, and connections for sprinklers.

Victoria Kendrew-Ascah, Senior Manager of Real Estate Development with Loblaw's, made the trip from Calgary to attend the meeting. "Thank you to the Mayor and Council for hearing our application today. We appreciate it. I would also really like to thank the town staff who have been really wonderful to work with. We've really worked together to come up with an application that we feel is really strong for you to review today. We

are really proud of our Shoppers Drug Mart offering. We feel that it brings added convenience, added new products, added new healthcare services to the community and we do feel that it will have a significant positive impact."

Councillor Paul Chauvet raised his hand to make the motion to accept the recommendation and to approve both variances and the development permit, giving Shoppers Drug Mart the green light to join the community. Mayor Tom Pickard called the vote, which was unanimous, and then said, "Welcome to Whitecourt." No start date was given for when construction is expected to begin.

Connect Care now in more sites, programs across Alberta

10,600+ staff, physicians, other healthcare providers involved in Launch 8

Alberta Health Services (AHS) completed its eighth launch of Connect Care, bringing more than 10,600 additional staff and physicians at 229 AHS and AHS-partner sites and locations, onto the common provincial information system.

The initiative supports best practices across AHS, and enables health records from AHS and its subsidiaries and partners to be accessed through one system. It also provides clinicians with common decision-making support.

Launch 8 involves every AHS zone across 129 towns and cities in Alberta, and includes sites, programs and services for:

- Community Ambulatory care, Continuing Care, Seniors, and Home Care and Community Care in Calgary and Central zones, including 10 Carewest sites in

Calgary Zone and two Covenant Health sites in Central Zone

- Addictions and Mental Health group homes in Edmonton Zone
- Population Public Health across all zones.

Albertans who have visited a site where Connect Care is in place can have access to MyAHS Connect, an online patient portal where people can see their health information, test results and medications; manage appointments; and communicate securely with their AHS healthcare team.

With Launch 8, there are now more than 118,400 staff, physicians and other healthcare providers using Connect Care to improve care for patients, across all five AHS zones. At completion, AHS will have undertaken nine Connect Care launches. The launches started in November 2019 and will continue to the final implementation in fall 2024. When fully in

place, approximately 125,000 staff and physicians will be using Connect Care at 682 sites across Alberta.

"Each Connect Care launch brings more front-line healthcare workers, physicians and patients together to give healthcare teams a more complete health history for patients, access to consistent information on best practices and resources at their fingertips, while improving our ability to keep information private and secure," says AHS President and CEO Athana Mentzelopoulos. "Healthcare teams can also communicate with patients and each other more easily."

The switch over to Connect Care went as planned as teams at these locations transitioned to the new information system at 5 a.m. today.

"Connect Care helps AHS physicians and other healthcare providers do their best possible work. Hav-

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Canfor's Forestry Plans Virtual Open House

This spring, Canfor will be holding a virtual open house on May 9th & 10th, to view our operating plans for the upcoming year. The general public and stakeholders have the opportunity to review our planned forestry activities in road development, harvesting, reforestation and herbicide treatment for the 2024-2025 forestry year. Public stakeholder input is gathered and utilized to influence operations where site specific concerns are identified such as trails, camping areas, recreational areas etc.

Please visit us at <https://www.canforforestmanagement.ca/whitecourt> to view a variety of maps available for all areas in which we operate and provide your input. We would appreciate all comments and concerns that you may have.

For more information, contact:

Cynthia Labrecque
Cynthia.Labrecque@canfor.com

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Money Matters

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Dollar Values as of May 8, 2024

Dress up day at Pat Hardy School



Terry Fox is indeed a Canadian hero known for his incredible determination and courage in the Marathon of Hope to raise money for cancer research. Dressing up as Terry Fox for a book character day is a creative way to honour his legacy and inspire others with his real-life heroes as well as fictional characters. Grade one student Easton Chalmers decided to portray Terry Fox as his favourite book character.

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Recently, Central School Grade 1H prepared bannock and delved into discussions about Cree language and culture. The students sampled their freshly baked bannock alongside strawberry jam.

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ing a common clinical information system across AHS means patients aren't repeating their health histories as often and care teams have access to complex histories and medication lists," says Dr. Peter Jamieson, Vice President, Quality, and Interim Chief Medical Officer.

"All launches to date have included plans to ensure the care we provide is never compromised during the transition. Patients may see AHS staff taking a little extra time to complete their charting

and other tasks during launch, and we appreciate the patience of the public while our teams adjust to these improvements."

AHS has led the way in Canada with Connect Care as the only health authority in the country with a province-wide clinical information system. In addition to this, AHS has the lowest cost per user to operate the system when compared to other clients of the software vendor, Epic Systems, who are of a similar scale to AHS. Connect Care gives healthcare providers more tools to support

their patients at almost half the cost per user of the systems AHS had previously in place.

"The scale of Connect Care makes it one of the largest clinical system implementations in the world," adds Sean Chilton, AHS Interim Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Clinical Operations and EMS.

"We could not do this without the input and support of patients, physicians, nurses, midwives, other front-line staff, technical teams, and patient and family advisors who have been involved in

every step in getting us to this the launch."

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.

CANADIAN Kids Corner



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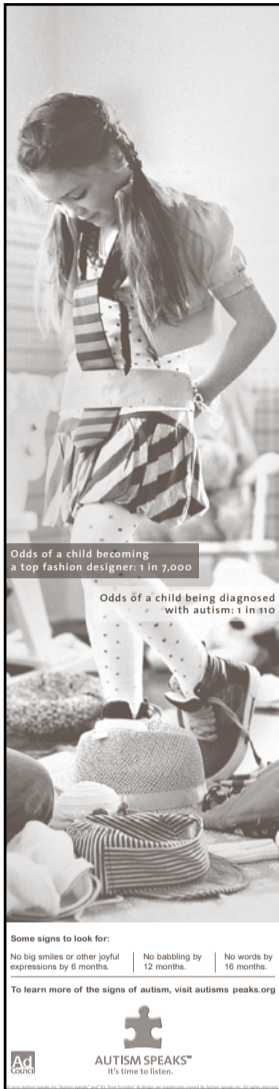
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Sun., May 12
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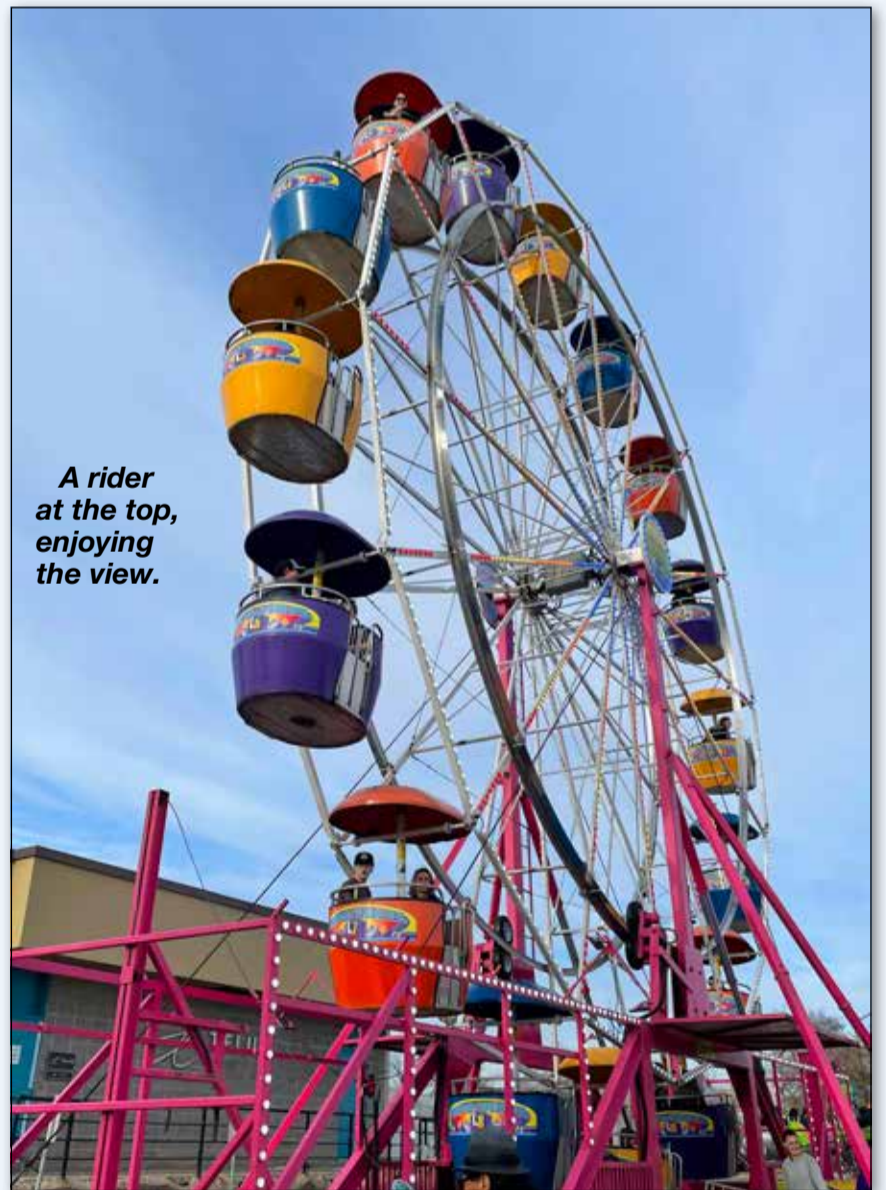
Smiles on the dragon ride for this duo.



The line for the Tilt-A-Whirl had one of the longest lines.



Squeals and screams on the dragon coaster.



A rider at the top, enjoying the view.



Swings up!

The Whitecourt & District Chamber of Commerce held its annual downtown spring carnival on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Wild Rose Shows began setting up their two-street stretch of amusement rides on Wednesday morning, much to the delight of the students at Central School, who could see the activity happening just down the street from their playground. The beautiful forecast made for a busy carnival, with residents and community visitors enjoying the sights and sounds of the midway all three days from open to close. The carnival featured some all-time favourite rides, including the Yoyo, dragon coaster, merry-go-round and Ferris wheel.

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