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Whitecourt Launch grant funding winner swung big and sunk the putt, taking home \$10,000



Congratulations are in order for the latest community business to receive the Whitecourt Launch crown. Year two of the Town's grant program recently wrapped with a check being presented to a soon-to-be-open downtown business that pitched and 'putted' its way to the top. Fore! Brennen Williams (left) and Mayor Tom Pickard. See story page 2.



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Whitecourt Launch grant funding winner swung big and sunk the putt, taking home \$10,000

By Serena Lapointe

The Turn Indoor Golf and Lounge is the latest community business to win Whitecourt Launch. Established last year, the Town grant program allows new or existing businesses to snag additional cash to support their business development projects that encourage growth and retention.

The program works a bit similar to popular pitch TV shows such as Dragon's Den or Shark Tank, where entrepreneurs bring forward their ideas in hopes of convincing a dragon or a shark to open up their pocketbook and write a big fat check. Similarities include pitching an idea before a group, but in this case, it's the Economic Development Committee, not Kevin O'Leary.

One of the most significant differences between Whitecourt Launch and a made-for-ratings TV show, aside from the obvious, is that the program is homegrown and community-minded, as it encourages home-based businesses to venture out into a storefront location or inspires current businesses to think outside the box and reach for the stars.

Knowing what Whitecourt does and does not have is one of the keys because it

enables entrepreneurs and business owners to either open a new business or expand the products and services in an established one, which fills gaps in the community and brings more local opportunities for residents.

Last year's winner, TimberChic Design, applied for the program to help expand their showroom and bring in new products and services, including new flooring and paints. In their Facebook post from October of last year, they expressed gratefulness for having been selected saying, "Love this little town of ours!"

In the first year, six eligible applications came in. This year, three eligible applicants took part in the pitch process: City Furniture, Prestige Athletics Ltd and The Turn Indoor Golf and Lounge. "(They were) great presentations. We worked with them with Community Futures," explained Rhonda Woods, Economic Development Officer for the Town of Whitecourt, during the June 24 Regular Meeting of Council.

"I just have to give a big 'hats off' to Community Futures (Yellowhead East) because they really worked with the businesses from start to finish. It's

grown different partnerships with them, even outside this program. So, even though this program is running, and there is one winner, realistically, everyone that is part of the program is winning. They have done a great job working with them and getting them ready for the program," she explained.

Community Futures Yellowhead East provides free business guidance to small businesses and budding entrepreneurs. They are also a lender of flexible business loans for those turned down by traditional banking institutions, enabling them to create, grow or build onto a business or idea.

For the Whitecourt Launch program, Community Futures Yellowhead East provided free business support and counselling, helping business owners create or sharpen their business proposals before their big pitch and business mentorship. Applicants also worked alongside the Economic Development Team. Once vetted as viable and ready, pitches moved forward to the big show, where they presented their idea to the Economic Development Committee panel.

The committee considered several things, including the economic impact and benefit to

the community, feasibility, financial investment by the business or entrepreneur, if it fills gaps in the community and its sustainability. The winning pitch receives a check for \$10,000 to support their idea.

The Turn Indoor Golf and Lounge was the Economic Development Committee's choice for this year's winning pitch. The new business will open this fall at 5011 52 Avenue, where Bugz and Beanerz used to be. It's a golf-themed entertainment spot which will introduce the community to golf simulators and other golf-related fun for year-round use. Whitecourt Town Council voted unanimously to support the committee's recommendation, making the win official for The Turn Indoor Golf and Lounge. A hole-in-one, if you will.

"We are honoured to receive this grant from the Whitecourt Launch Program. Thank you to Mayor Tom Pickard, the Town of Whitecourt, and Community Futures Yellowhead East for their support. We look forward to bringing The Turn Indoor Golf & Lounge to the community soon," read a post on the business's Facebook page earlier this month after Mayor Pickard present-

ed the check to owner Brennen Williams.

Speaking to the Press following his win, Williams said "Participating in the Whitecourt Launch Program has been an incredible experience for us. The support and guidance we have received throughout the process has been invaluable. Winning the grant is a huge honour and will really help us in bringing The Turn Indoor Golf and Lounge to life."

He said the opportunity not only gives them a chance to grow the business but also makes a positive impact in the community. "We're excited to offer a new and exciting space for golf enthusiasts and everyone in Whitecourt. We would like to thank Community Futures Yellowhead East for their assistance throughout the program as well as extend our best wishes to all the other businesses that participated."

When asked by Council if there was a possibility of support for the other two applicants through one of the Town's other grant opportunities, as the Whitecourt Launch grant results in one check given to one winner, Woods said it was possible. "There is one business that we are continuing to

work with, not just with Town grants, but provincial grants. So, there is some follow-up coming with the applications submitted previously," explained Woods.

Whitecourt Launch winners agree to implement the business plan pitched and spend the money received within eighteen months and must submit a final report to the Economic Development Committee within thirty days of completing the project. To learn more about the program, visit the Town's website and search "Whitecourt Launch."



Alberta Health Services

Simple precautions can protect you from heat and sun

Albertans are encouraged to take some simple precautions so they can safely enjoy activities when it's hot and sunny this summer.

Many factors can cause heat stress, such as UV radiation, temperature and humidity. Make sure to check on loved ones, especially those who may be socially isolated or live in housing without air conditioning, to see how they are coping. Older adults, infants, pregnant women and people with underlying health conditions are at greatest risk from extreme heat.

Heat stroke is a life-threatening medical emergency, which requires medical attention as soon as possible. Symptoms of heat stroke include confusion, severe restlessness or anxiety, nausea and vomiting, fast heart rate, lack of sweat, dizziness, fainting, or unconsciousness.

For emergencies, visit your nearest local emergency department or call 911.

Here are a few ways to avoid the heat this summer:

Keep cool at home:

- Close your blinds

or curtains and use awnings and shutters.

- Do activities early or later in the day when it is cooler.
- Use air conditioning if possible. If you don't have air conditioning, go into the basement or visit a cool location, such as a shopping centre or library.
- Take frequent cool showers or baths and apply a cold towel to your neck.

Keep cool when outdoors:

- Plan a place to take

breaks in the shade to cool off.

- Drink lots of water and other non-alcoholic, non-caffeinated beverages to stay hydrated.
- Avoid strenuous activities if possible.
- Protect your skin from the sun:
- Wear a broad-rimmed hat, long-sleeved shirts and pants that cover skin with UV-protective-labelled clothing.
- Be aware certain medications increase the health risks from extreme heat expo-

sure. Find out if your medication causes you to be more sensitive to sunlight or heat stress.

- Choose a water-resistant sunscreen that has a broad-spectrum sun protection factor (SPF) of 30 or higher. Apply sunscreen generously 20 minutes before going outside and reapply frequently and especially after swimming, strenuous exercise or towel drying.

Pay attention to your pets:

- Make sure they have fresh water and keep them out of the heat as much as possible.
- Never leave a pet unattended in a vehicle.
- Brush your pet's coat to promote air circulation. Do not shave them as their fur protects them from the sun.
- Use a spray bottle to give pets a cool misting.
- Walk pets on the grass if possible and take walks during cooler times of the day.

Woodlands County Council is seeking fresh perspectives from residents on the future of the old Briar Patch School site in Blue Ridge

By Serena Lapointe

The land where the Briar Patch School in Blue Ridge used to sit was recently a topic of conversation for Woodlands County Council. The site of the school, demolished in 2023 after the discovery that asbestos, mercury and other dangerous contaminants were present within its walls, is one of Woodlands County's largest developable pieces of property.

The historic seven-acre parcel is under a Direct Control zoning district, which means that Woodlands County Council has the final say about what happens on the land. During the June 19 Regular Meeting of Council, Economic Development Officer Bert Roach brought forward some options for the group of elected officials to consider.

"We have a great opportunity to have Council consider some options for future use and development within Blue Ridge. This is an item that originated from Council to have a bit of a discussion about future land use," began Roach. "Of

course, we know that the building has been cleared from the site, and so we have a parcel that's there that is now a very marketable asset. It is actually one of the largest developable and marketable parcels we have that Woodlands County owns."

Roach provided Council with three options for what could happen with the property. He said they could list it with a realtor, allowing Council to go to market with it and see if they can get a qualified buyer to purchase it at fair market value. He said they could draft a lease agreement for short- or long-term use, allowing someone to use the space, with or without buildings, and the last option was to hold onto the property and use it to attract new investment.

In 2018, Woodlands County held a community meeting to speak to residents about the site. The overwhelming response was that residents wanted to see a community-related use happen on it, reflecting its history as a gathering place.

When asked what

they felt could benefit the community, answers with numerous votes included a basketball court, community garden, soccer field, seniors housing, an activity center/gym, trade school or manufacturing. Other ideas included a movie theatre, campground, archery range, commercial development and go-karts.

Since the 2018 meeting, the conversation on the Briar Patch site faded until a recent discussion about a community garden seemed to spark it. Of the three options provided by the Administration, the recommendation to Council was to hold off on selling it and retain it for future County use.

Reeve Kusch said he would hate to give up the parcel. "It could become an asset. It could become something we can help develop into something that can fit more of the community's needs." Councillor Prestidge, who lives in the community, said he had talked to several residents, and they felt differently. "Everybody I've talk-



Residents of Blue Ridge will get another crack at helping to decide the fate of the now vacant old Briar Patch School site following a recent decision by Council. Councillor Bruce Prestidge said sentiments towards the old school site had changed.

ed to would like to see it sold and somebody develop on it. Over the years, Council has made decisions on this property, and residents were not happy. They would just like it sold. That way, the County doesn't have to look after it anymore. I get lots of complaints on that property. People coming in on dirt bikes and stuff, ripping it up and keeping residents up all night. They just want it gone."

Councillor Peter Kuelken said that holding another public meeting in Blue Ridge, like the one in 2018, was probably the way to go. "If the community decides that that's not the direction they want to go, then I guess we have our message rather than sitting around the table here and trying to figure that out. I think to get cur-

rent information would be the best thing to do."

Joan Sloomweg, Director of Community Services, agreed. "It's probably best to reach out to the community," she said, adding that the land at the Briar Patch site has "a multitude of uses." She said it could be used for commercial, industrial or even residential purposes and consulting with the community to see what residents are thinking allows them to see the potential of what the hamlet could look like in the future.

Woodlands County Council briefly chatted about getting a land appraisal ahead of the open house so they would know the property's value. However, Acting CAO Paul Benedetto recommended that Council not seek an appraisal on the land just yet. "When you are

trying to get an assessment or an appraisal of the land value, one of the questions is what are the permitted uses because it'll have quite a different value if it's residential or potentially some type of commercial development." Following Benedetto's explanation, they agreed to wait.

Once feedback from Blue Ridge residents is captured, the County will be able to decide what uses would be permitted for the land, enabling them to seek an assessment and garner the best bang for their buck should they move forward with selling it. Councillor John Burrows' motion to hold a public meeting in Blue Ridge passed unopposed. The meeting date was not released at the time of this article.

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Level: Intermediate

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

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

Crossword Clues

CLUES ACROSS

1. Letter of the Greek alphabet
4. Cause to become entangled
10. Swiss river
11. Conversation
12. "Magnum" was one
14. Small integer
15. Christmas
16. Of a specific mountain region
18. Burrowing bugs
22. Of a symbol worthy of veneration
23. A type of syndrome
24. Cephalopod mollusks
26. Metric ton
27. Ornamental box
28. As quickly as can be done
30. "Hoop Dreams" subject Arthur

31. Old TV part
34. Extinct flightless birds
36. Former CIA
37. Successor
39. Archaic form of you
40. Within
41. Danny Hurley's alma mater
42. Not sacred or biblical
48. Written law
50. Popular hairstyle
51. Congressman
52. Type of font
53. A predetermined period in office
54. Pouch
55. Hormone that stimulates ovulation (abbr.)
56. One from a particular Asian region
58. One's sense of self-esteem

59. Headgear used to control a horse
60. The habitat of wild animals

CLUES DOWN

1. A right conferred through legal means
2. American island state
3. Inflexibly entrenched
4. "Pollock" actor Harris
5. Foolish person
6. Follows a particular Chairman
7. Choose
8. Sunrooms
9. One hundred grams (abbr.)
12. A symptom of some physical hurt or disorder
13. South American hummingbird
17. "Girl Chopping Onions" painter
19. Wild dog
20. Units of land
21. Footwear

25. Possessing a constant temperature
29. Hormone that promotes water retention (abbr.)

31. Popular game
32. Pension (German)
33. Giant of industry
35. Inferred
38. One who revolves
41. Kept possession of
43. Loss of electricity
44. Stopped bottle
45. Everything
46. First to walk on the moon
47. Engrave
49. Female organs
56. Equal to 1,024 bytes (abbr.)
57. Northeast

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ARIES

(March 21 - April 20)



Secrets that have been troubling you may come to a head this week, Aries. Try not to let your emotions get the best of you right now; otherwise, relationships could be damaged.

TAURUS

(April 21 - May 21)



Taurus, your mind is all shaken up right now, so it should come as no surprise that you are distracted. The days ahead should see things settle down and you'll be able to refocus.

GEMINI

(May 22 - June 21)



This week is likely to be fairly quiet for you, Gemini. You may have to drum up your own excitement. Start looking at event calendars or live music venues for a distraction.

CANCER

(June 22 - July 22)



Cancer, use this week to think about your professional future. Many ideas are coming together and you just have to pick the route you would like to travel at this point.

LEO

(July 23 - August 23)



There is little time for daydreaming right now, Leo. Things will come at you at a fast and furious pace and you might have to scramble to keep up. Keep your wits about you.

VIRGO

(August 24 - September 22)



Virgo, you may feel like you are being hit with many obstacles from all directions. You might need to give yourself more time to devote to all of the tasks you take on.

LIBRA

(September 23 - October 23)



Do not expect people to follow you blindly, Libra. You will have to give them reason to follow you and come around to your way of thinking.

SCORPIO

(October 24 - November 22)



Scorpio, with so much going on around you, and after juggling various projects, concentrating can be very challenging. However, you must get your head in the game or risk mistakes.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)



Life isn't a spectator sport, Sagittarius. To really feel you are experiencing all you can right now, you must get right in the middle of the action. Friends can lead the way.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)



The path you are supposed to take is finally coming into focus, Capricorn. Your excitement will only increase as you start making plans for the future. Share your joy with others.

AQUARIUS

(January 21 - February 18)



You don't need to completely reinvent yourself to make a change, Aquarius. Even small modification can make a big impact in the long run. Start gradually and build up.

PISCES

(February 19 - March 20)



Even though there is a challenging prospect on the horizon, you have all of the information you need to start navigating this new stage in your life, Pisces.

TAKE A TRIP WORD SEARCH

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

WORDS

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ALL-INCLUSIVE
CRUISE

DEPARTURE
DESTINATION
EMBARK
HIGHWAY

HOLIDAY
HOTEL
INTERNATIONAL
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LANDING
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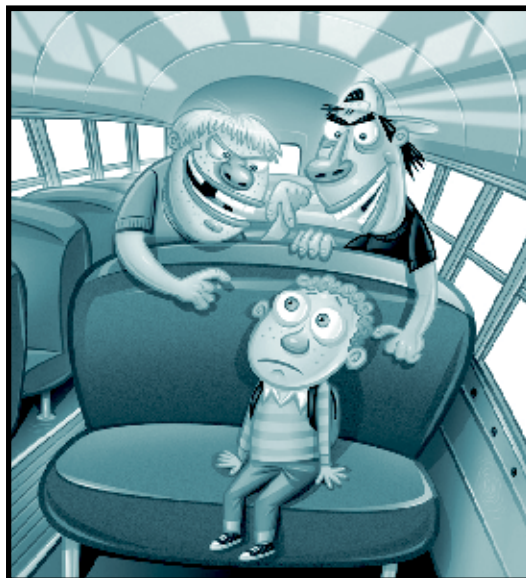


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Chelsea Jo Reinhard
Age 23

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The wildfire danger for the Whitecourt Forest Area is VERY HIGH

If a wildfire were to start when fire danger is very high, high-intensity fire is expected and likely to spread to treetops. Fire is expected to start easily and to challenge suppression efforts.

Hot and dry conditions will continue well into next week.

As a result of the heat, grasses and forested areas will dry out quickly. We all play a part in preventing wildfires.

If you see smoke or flame in the forest please call 310-FIRE (3473).

A fire ban is in effect as of 4 p.m. on July 10 in the entire Forest Protection Area of Alberta, including the Whitecourt Forest Area, due to hot and dry conditions.

Cities, towns, villages and summer villages, as well as federal lands (such as national parks), are exempt from this ban. These jurisdictions have the authority to issue their own bans and may have complementary bans in place.

Visit Alberta Fire Bans to see if a fire ban or restriction is in place in your area.

Under this fire ban:

- All fire permits are suspended or cancelled.

- No new fire permits will be issued.
- Some allowances can be made for essential agricultural and industrial burning, if approved by a forest officer.

Prohibited:

- All outdoor wood fires, including wood campfires on public land, private land, designated campgrounds, and backyard firepits

- Barbeque charcoal briquettes
- Fireworks and exploding targets

Allowed:

- Propane/ natural gas-powered appliances

ances

- Indoor wood fires inside a structure (such as a facility, building, tent or RV) and contained within a device with a chimney and spark arrestor

- Open flame oil devices (such as deep fryers and tiki torches). All devices must be CSA approved and used per manufacturer's standards.

If you see a wildfire, report it immediately by calling 310-FIRE.

The fire ban will remain in effect until conditions improve.



WHITECOURT FOREST AREA UPDATE

Since January 1st, 2024, there have been 39 wildfires in the Whitecourt Forest Area burning a total of 19 hectares (ha).

There are currently two active wildfires in the Whitecourt Forest Area. These two fires are currently classified as under control.

To view wildfires on our interactive map, visit the wildfire status page and follow the active wildfire link.

Smoky conditions

Due to wildfire activity in northern Alberta, British Columbia and the Northwest Territories smoky conditions may persist in

the Whitecourt Forest Area. Visit www.fire-smoke.ca to see where the smoke is coming from. Anyone with health concerns should visit Alberta Health Services or call 811 for health advice from Alberta Health Link.

PROVINCIAL WILDFIRE SUMMARY (as of 10:00 am July 12, 2024)

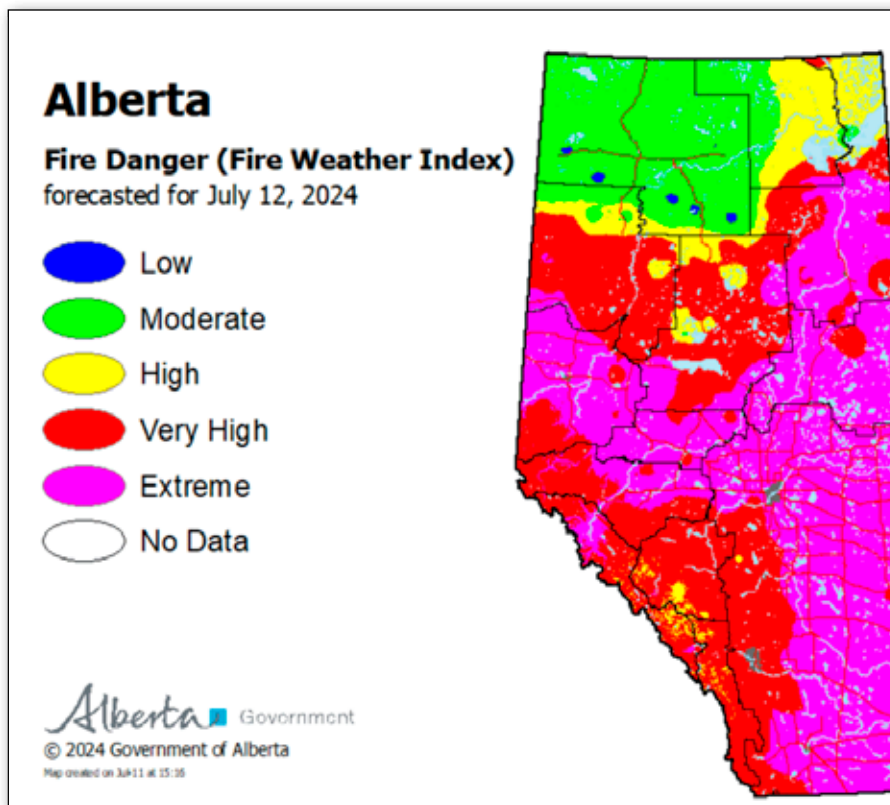
- Since January 1, there have been 732 wildfires recorded in the Forest Protection Area that have burned 254,327.23 hectares (ha). Of these wildfires, 31 are classified as out of control, 34 are being held, 35 are under control and 631 have been extinguished.

- Since our last report on July 11, 2024, there have been 40 new wildfires in the Forest Protection Area of Alberta.

- There are currently 104 active wildfires in the Forest Protection Area. Of these wildfires, 31 are classified as out of control, 34 are classified as being held and 39 are under control.

- There are four carryover wildfires from the 2023 season. There has been no status change to carryover wildfires since our last report.

For the most up-to-date wildfire information, visit the Alberta Wildfire Status Dashboard.



Water quality advisory issued for Iosegun Lake

Due to elevated levels of fecal bacteria currently present in the water of Iosegun Lake, located within the North Zone of Alberta Health Services (AHS), AHS is advising the public not to swim or wade at this beach area, effective

immediately.

Elevated levels of fecal bacteria were detected via testing of the lake water at this beach location. At current levels, gastrointestinal illness may result from ingestion of the water at Iosegun Lake. As well, there is

the possibility of skin, ear and eye infections with water contact.

As always, visitors and residents are reminded to never drink or cook with untreated water directly from any lake or reservoir, at any time. Water-borne organisms,

including fecal bacteria, can cause vomiting and diarrhea.

AHS Environmental Public Health officers will continue to monitor the water at Iosegun Lake.

This advisory will remain in effect until further notice.

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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.

Energize with caution: New labels on caffeinated energy drinks

(NC) How do you power through your late-night work or study sessions? Do you rely on caffeinated energy drinks, coffee or chocolate? These foods all contain caffeine, which you may want to limit. Health Canada recommends a daily intake of no more than 400 mg of caffeine

for adults over 18. For reference, energy drinks can contain up to 180 mg of caffeine per can.

Supplemented foods, such as caffeinated energy drinks, are regulated by Health Canada. They require labels to help you know what ingredients like caffeine or taurine have been

added to them.

Other examples of supplemented foods include snack bars and fruit drinks, which could be supplemented with:

- minerals such as calcium
- vitamins such as vitamin C
- amino acids such as L-leucine

As of January 1st, 2026, all supplemented foods will be required to have new labels, but some are already starting to appear on the market, so here's what you can expect to see.

All supplemented foods will show a supplemented food facts table instead of a nutri-

tion facts table. There will be a "Supplemented with" section listing the type and amount of each supplemental ingredient, like caffeine.

Some of these foods will also carry a caution identifier, which includes an exclamation mark and the words "Supplemented" and "Health Canada"

on the front, alerting you to read cautions written on the back or side of the product. An example of a caution is: "Do not drink more than 1 serving per day."

Whether for yourself or other family members, find more information at canada.ca/supplemented-foods.

Why Canadians are living longer – and what that means for retirement

(NC) Life expectancy in Canada is currently about 83 years. Fifty years ago, it was about 73 years. Can we expect that trend to continue? Can Canadians a half-century from now really expect to live another 10 extra years?

According to UN population data, mortality rates have steadily declined for the past century in Canada and across the developed world. This corresponds with improvements in our diet, public infrastructure such as sanitation and waste treatment, safety standards, and the availability and quality of public health institutions such as hospitals and childhood immunization programs.

Can the life expectancy boost from these changes be sustained,

or will these gains naturally trail off? And what new factors do we have to consider?

Actuaries are risk assessment professionals who advise on things like government policy on pensions and insurance. Some of them spend a lot of time considering life expectancy and the factors that affect it.

In looking for answers, they find that many of these advancements are a double-edged sword. Destruction of natural habitat threatens the world's biodiversity. Pollution impacts our access to clean air and water. And microplastics can be found everywhere in the food chain.

Abundance has also contributed to an overall more sedentary lifestyle that can lead to

health risks like an increase in Type 2 diabetes. And there are other strains on the health-care system, too, ranging from a shortage of primary care physi-

cians to overuse of antibiotics and the long-term impacts of COVID-19.

How will all of these things impact life expectancy? The answer is unclear, but so is the path to longer lives for Canadians in the future. For their part, the UN projects our life expectancy will reach 89 years in 2074. Stay tuned to find out.

You can learn more about Canada's actuaries and the work they do at cia-ica.ca.



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Construction of Culture & Events Centre will begin this summer

Whitecourt Town Council has approved the construction of the Culture & Events Centre, with construction to start this summer. By a unanimous vote of Council, the Town has entered into a \$44,175,000 contract with Clark Builders to construct the facility. With a two-year construction schedule, the Culture & Events Centre is scheduled to open at the end of 2026.

“The Culture & Events Centre represents a significant investment in our community. It will vitalize the downtown, and put Whitecourt on the map as a cultural hub in north central Alberta,” said Whitecourt Mayor Tom Pickard. “Facilities such as these are key to enhancing not just the community’s quality of life, but also driving economic development and investment attraction for years to come.”

The Culture & Events Centre project has been in development for several years, and has received significant funding support from both the federal and provincial governments of over \$32 million. It will be a landmark for the community, and will include three components:

- Arts, Culture and Convention Centre – A venue designed to host a variety of concerts, trade shows, festivals, events, conventions, and celebrations.
- Library – The new library will provide increased floor area and space to better

serve the region. It will provide a safe and accessible place for the community to learn and gather, and increase operating efficiency.

- Town Administration Office – The new office space will enhance customer service and accessibility, and provide an administrative facility that can grow with the community.

After a competitive bid process, which involved the tendering of 32 scopes and receipt of 94 bids, the project came in at just over \$44 million.

The Culture & Events Centre will be located in downtown Whitecourt, and during construction will inject over

\$7.9 million into the tourism and materials/equipment supply sectors. Additionally, it is estimated that 25% of the project trade labour will be provided locally, which equates to approximately 100,000 worker hours (\$5 million).

Information on the Culture & Events Centre can be found at www.whitecourt.ca/live/culture-and-events-centre. Construction updates, and sponsorship opportunities, will be advertised through the Centre’s Facebook and Instagram pages @Culture-andEventsCentre.

The Town is grateful for all of the input provided through former Councils, steering committees, community forums, and individual comments as they all shaped the Centre into a true community hub for our future.

Cyanobacteria (blue-green algae) advisory issued for Iosegun Lake

Cyanobacteria (blue-green algae) has been identified in the waters of Iosegun Lake. Residents living near the shores of this lake, as well as visitors to this lake, are advised to take the following precautions:

- Avoid all contact with cyanobacterial blooms. If contact occurs, wash with tap water as soon as possible.
- Do not swim or wade or allow your pets to swim or wade in any areas where cyanobacteria is visible.
- Do not feed whole fish or fish trimmings from this lake to your pets.
- Consider limiting human consumption of whole fish and fish trimmings from this lake, as it is known that fish may store toxins in their liver. (People can safely consume fish fillets

from this lake).

As always, visitors and residents are reminded to never drink or cook with untreated water directly from any recreational body of water, including Iosegun Lake, at any time. Boiling of this water will not remove the toxins produced by cyanobacteria. An alternate source of drinking water should also be provided for pets and livestock, while this advisory is active.

Cyanobacteria is naturally occurring, and often becomes visible when weather conditions are calm. Appearing like scum, grass clippings, fuzz, or globs on the surface of water, cyanobacteria can be blue-green, greenish-brown, brown, and/or pinkish-red, and often smell musty or grassy.

People who come in contact with visible

cyanobacteria or who ingest water containing cyanobacteria may experience skin irritation, rash, sore throat, sore red eyes, swollen lips, fever, nausea and vomiting and/or diarrhea. Symptoms usually appear within one to three hours and resolve in one to two days. Symptoms in children are often more pronounced; however, all humans are at risk of these symptoms. Exposure to the bacteria may be fatal to pets.

Weather and wind conditions can cause algae blooms to move from one location in the lake to another. As such, this advisory will remain in effect for Iosegun Lake, until further notice.

Please note that waters of Iosegun Lake in which the cyanobacterial bloom is NOT visible can still be used for recreational purposes,

even while this Health Advisory is in place.

If you suspect a problem related to cyanobacteria or if you require further information on health concerns and cyanobacteria, please call Health Link at 811. Additional information is also available online, at www.ahs.ca/bga.

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Seniors' Lunch & Learn Elder Abuse and Scams

Monday, July 22 | 11:30am-1:30pm

The goal of this information session is to raise awareness of the different types of elder abuse and financial scams; and, provide knowledge and resources to seniors to help prevent both.

Course ID#: 9307

Location: Eagle River Casino & Travel Plaza

Cost: \$5.00

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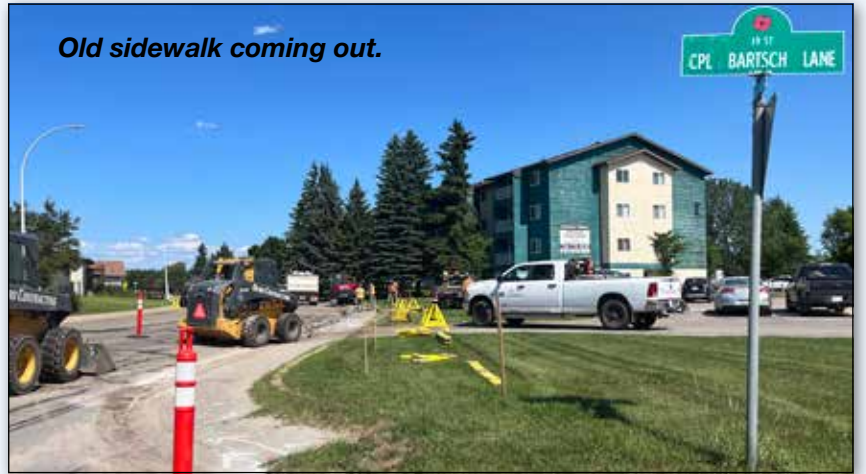
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Sidewalk work

Old sidewalk coming out.



A four-year project to replace aging curb and gutter infrastructure along portions of 55 Avenue kickstarted last week with Phase 1 between Torgerson Drive and 39 Street. The massive project will see lots of concrete along the busy street replaced, with the old infrastructure completely being removed. Next year, the project's focus will be the sidewalk from 39 Street to 41 Street before focusing on the northside sidewalk of 55 Avenue for years three and four.



TO ALL THE DONORS AND COMMUNITY SUPPORTERS FOR THE CLASS OF 2024 HOLLYWOOD RED CARPET PROM!

The prom would not have been possible if it wasn't for the generous support of our local businesses. A special thank you to all the parents and family that donated their time to set up, provide event staffing and cleanup. Please consider the following businesses when shopping as they have proven to be champions for our youth today:

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- Whitecourt Drycleaners
- Stone RV
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- A.G. Hairstyling
- WhiteWallWood
- Whitecourt IGA
- Elemental Massage & Wellness
- Hilltop High School

Thank you also to ALL of our individual donors and those I may have forgotten; it does NOT go unnoticed!

Parent Prom Committee 2024
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Clean the Ugly Up



A metal power box with graffiti on it.



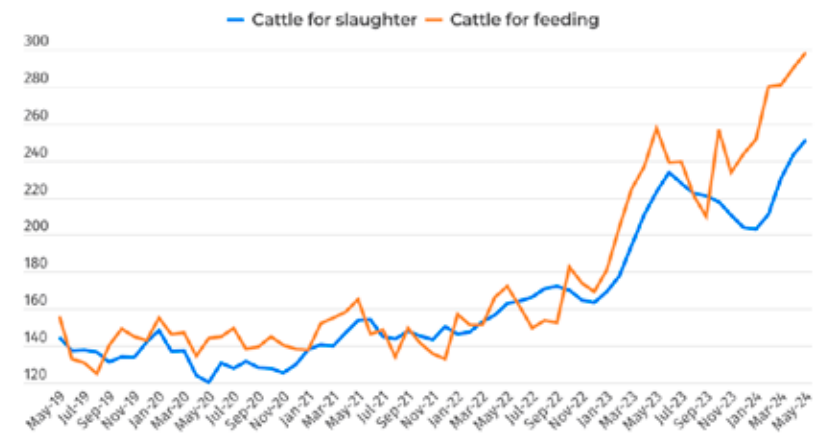
After treatment, it's like the graffiti was never there.

Got graffiti? The Whitecourt Communities in Bloom Committee is offering free graffiti removal kits to community members. Graffiti has been a big topic of conversation over the last few years after popping up all over the community, resulting in a significant investigation by the committee to find products that would remove it from various surfaces, including painted and metal surfaces to brick and stone. The only request the committee has from those who take advantage of their free offer is that those who grab a kit provide before and after photos so that the success of their cleanup initiative can be tracked. Visit the Allan & Jean Millar Centre to grab yours (while supplies last).

Cattle prices in Alberta

\$ per per hundredweight

ATB Economics



Source: Statistics Canada Table 32-10-0077-01 and ATB Economics

Beefing up: Cattle prices in Alberta keep rising

By Rob Roach
ATB ECONOMICS

Already the highest on record, the average prices received by Alberta ranchers for their cattle increased again in May.

The price of both

cattle for slaughter and cattle for feeding rose 3% in May.

Compared to May 2023, the year-over-year (y/y) price was 12% higher for cattle for slaughter and 16% higher for cattle for

feeding.

A key factor in the upward trajectory of cattle prices is the downsizing of the North American herd in the face of drought and escalating operating costs.

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NOTICE OF DECISION

The following decisions were made by the Municipal Planning Commission:

Application 24-058: 207, 4505-51 Avenue – Home Occupation – Taxi Service – Approved with Conditions.

Date of Decision: July 11, 2024

Appeal Closes at 4:00pm: August 1, 2024

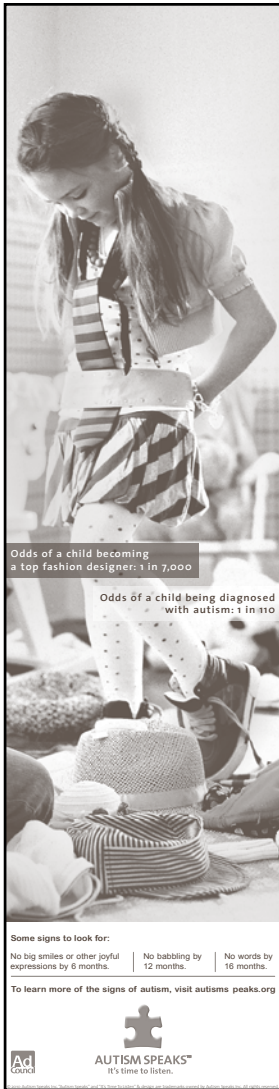
An Appeal of the above decision(s) may be made by submitting a written appeal and appeal fee (\$300) to the Office of the Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board, Town of Whitecourt Administration Building, Box 509, Whitecourt, Alberta, T7S 1N6 prior to 4:00pm on the above noted date. Any person(s) affected by the said proposal(s), has the right to appeal prior to the above date.



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High
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Wind
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16°C
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Thu., July 18
Sunny
10%
32°C
17°C
E 10 km/h



Fri., July 19
Mainly sunny
20%
29°C
17°C
NW 11 km/h
~5mm



Sat., July 20
Mainly sunny
10%
29°C
17°C
SE 14 km/h
25 - 30mm



Sun., July 21
Mix of sun and clouds
20%
28°C
16°C
SE 17 km/h

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Dollar Values as of July 17, 2024



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.
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
Visit our Website: www.eaglerivercasino.ca
How to Apply: Send resume to HR@eaglerivercasino.ca, mail or fax.



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.
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Five dealbreakers if you're on the hunt for an accessible home

(NC) Buying a home is the biggest purchase most of us will ever make. There are many factors to weigh when deciding which one to put an offer on. If you or a loved one has mobility or cognitive limitations, there are even more things to consider. Here are five, and some potential fixes if your would-be dream home is missing some key elements.

Steep exterior steps

If someone with mobility issues can't even make it inside the front door, that's a major dealbreaker. The treads on any exterior stairway should be of uniform height and depth to avoid a tripping hazard, and secure railings should be on both sides of the stairway.

Potential fix: Is there

an accessible side entrance that someone could use? If not, see if it is possible to install a ramp leading to the front door or an outdoor lift to get a walker or wheelchair safely to the entrance.

No washroom on the main floor

If climbing the stairs is a challenge, having a bathroom on the main floor will make the home safer and more comfortable for residents and guests alike.

Potential fix: If there isn't one already, is there room to add a small bathroom on the main floor? To keep costs down, locate it below a bathroom on the upper floor so you can connect to existing water and drain lines.

Multiple levels on the ground floor



Some home designs include two or three stairs to reach an elevated or sunken level off the main floor. These can be tripping hazards, particularly for someone with limited vision or mobility.

Potential fix: Would it be cost-effective to raise a sunken area to match the height of the main level? For short runs of interior stairs,

consider whether there is space to install a portable or permanent ramp, or a chair lift.

No railings on stairways

Ideally, each stairway should have railings running along both sides. This helps people with balance problems or limited use of an arm or hand to gain a stable footing as they go up or down.

Potential fix: Provided that the stairway is wide enough, installing railings on both sides of the entire length of the stairs is a relatively simple and low-cost renovation.

No accessible bathing options

Many bathrooms have only a bathtub for bathing and showering. The problem with that is the height of the side

of a tub can be a huge barrier for some people to step over.

Potential fix: Adding grab bars will provide extra hand support for stepping in and out of the tub. If you have the budget for renovating, you can install a curbless shower stall (that is, one that doesn't have a lip that you have to step over). Installing a walk-in tub, one that has a water-tight door and a seat, is also an option.

If you or a family member needs an accessible home, an occupational therapist can help you determine which renovations and workarounds can make a home suitable for all. Find more information about licensed occupational therapists at coto.org/ot.

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