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## Whitecourt Royals teams wrap up the season with provincial championships, including a golden moment at home



Several Whitecourt Royals teams played in their provincial championships over the weekend, with teams in Irma, Fort Saskatchewan and Innisfail. The U11 AA Tier 7 Royals had the Whitecourt advantage as they played their hearts out in front of their hometown fans. See the story page 2.



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Celebrating the win with fans.

# Whitecourt Royals teams wrap up the season with provincial championships, including a golden moment at home

By Serena Lapointe

Last weekend was jam-packed for Whitecourt Minor Baseball (WMB) as several teams wrapped up their season with some provincial action. Locally, the U11 AA Tier 7 Whitecourt Royals welcomed three other teams to the community for their provincial championship in a winner-take-all weekend blitz.

The Sherwood Park Acuren Athletics, Parkland Twins White, and Strathmore Reds 2 travelled in for the tournament, kicking off the opening ceremonies on Friday night at Graham Acres. The opening ceremony featured three special guests invited by Whitecourt Minor Baseball to either throw or catch the first pitch.

Ten-year-old Carsin Green, a player with Challenger Baseball, was one of the special guests. “He loves hitting dingers and throwing fastballs. He is working so hard at baseball and hopes to one

day play for the Royals,” read a post on WMB’s social media before the ceremony. Green threw one of two first pitches.

The second person to throw a pitch was Koehn Ziemmer, a Mayerthorpe native selected by the LA Kings in last year’s NHL draft and has since signed an entry-level contract. “Koehn’s journey serves as an inspiration to young athletes, showcasing the power of passion and determination,” read the post.

The final



A big swing for this youngster.

special guest was Jason Benson, a super volunteer with WMB. “Jason was lucky enough to play baseball for sixteen years. He began playing in the Oyen Minor Ball Association and was fortunate to win a provincial championship, high school championship, and Saskatchewan Major Baseball League Championship, played senior men’s baseball, two years at NJCAA at UND Williston and two years NAIA at Minor State University. We wanted to let Jason know how much we appreciate the countless hours he has volunteered to help grow our organization.”

Following the opening ceremony, the Whitecourt Royals took on the Strathmore Reds 2.

The local team took home their first win, beating Strathmore 16-9. The next game for the Royals came on Saturday at noon

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## Alberta RCMP provides tips to help curb auto theft

Summer is a busy time as everyone rushes to enjoy to the weather while they can. During these times we often don’t follow our usual routines, spending much more time away from home and driving to our next destination. The Alberta RCMP wants to remind everyone on how to protect their belongings. Don’t let the fun distract you – protect yourself against theft of, and from, vehicles.

In 2023 there were 8,710 auto thefts in Alberta RCMP jurisdictions; there have been 3,932 in the first six months of this year. Trucks are the most commonly stolen vehicle each year.

To help prevent auto thefts here are some tips to help keep your vehicle and belongings safe while you enjoy your summer vacations:

- Always lock your vehicle, even if you are just run-

ning into the store to grab something quickly.

- Make sure that all windows are closed when you leave your vehicle.
- Park your vehicle within sight and in a well-lit area.
- If possible, park your vehicle in a locked garage. Otherwise, try to park it such that it can’t be easily moved by an opportunistic thief.
- Never leave keys or garage door openers in your vehicle. Garage door openers can be stolen, along with personal identifying documents, and used to identify and enter your home.
- Ensure that personal belongings, especially important documents, are not stored in your vehicle.
- Remove loose change and valu-

ables. These items can be enticing to criminals.

No one is immune to auto theft, but practicing auto theft safety can help you avoid becoming a victim.

This August the RCMP will be using #AutoRoutine to provide information on how to keep your vehicles safe this summer. Follow us on Facebook (@RCMPinAlberta) and X (@RCMPAlberta) for tips and reminders to help reduce thefts of, and from, vehicles this summer.

If you see something suspicious, report it to your local police service. If you see a crime in progress, call 911. If you wish to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com or by using the “P3 Tips” app available through the Apple App or Google Play Store.



Impact Assessment Agency of Canada

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### Black Bear Power Plant Project Participant Funding Available

**July 29, 2024** — Funding provided by the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) is now available to help Indigenous Peoples and the public participate in the impact assessment process for the proposed Black Bear Power Plant Project, a new natural gas-fueled electricity generating facility located near Swan Hills, Alberta.

Funding is available for eligible individuals and groups to support their participation throughout the planning phase of the federal impact assessment process. During the current comment period, which ends on August 14, 2024, Indigenous Peoples and the public are invited to review the summary of the Initial Project Description and provide comments. IAAC will retroactively reimburse eligible participants for their participation in this first comment period.

Applications received **by August 28, 2024**, will be considered.

For more information about the Participant Funding Program, including eligibility criteria and the application form, please visit the project home page on the Registry website, reference number 88747, and click on “Participant Funding.” You can also contact the Participant Funding Program by writing to fp-paf@iaac-aeic.gc.ca or by calling 1-866-582-1884. Details about the project can also be found on the project home page.

Stay updated on this project by following IAAC on X (previously Twitter): @IAAC\_AEIC #BlackBearPower

For media inquiries, contact IAAC’s media relations team by writing to media@iaac-aeic.gc.ca or calling 343-549-3870.



The U11 AA Tier 7 Royals are number one!

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against Parkland Twins White. Again, the Royals dominated, winning 11-1. Six hours later, the Royals entered the dugout to take on the Sherwood Park Acuren Athletics. The Whitecourt Royals remained undefeated, winning the game 18-8.

At 10:00 am on Sunday, the first-place Whitecourt Royals took on the second-place Parkland Twins White team. The Whitecourt Royals had a huge fan base watching the action all weekend, but on Sunday morning, the home team's side of the fence was packed with family, friends and

community members ready to cheer.

Early in, the Royals took the lead. In the third and fourth, the Twins surged, stealing a few runs, but Whitecourt's team managed to hold on and take it 8-5, winning the 2024 11U AA Tier 7 Baseball Alberta Provincial Championship!

Lisa Turcotte, Provincial Chair for the Whitecourt Royals tournament and proud ball mom, said seeing the team win in front of local fans was special. "We had parents helping, and many fans come out and support the team. It was not just family members but community members.

We had members of the Whitecourt Fire Department, the RCMP, and the Town of Whitecourt who came out to watch. And not just for one game either."

Turcotte said the boys worked hard all season long. "Their skill set has developed so much compared to the beginning of the

year. They developed as a team, and they are a family. They have worked hard together, and the coaches were so encouraging. They set the kids up to be good young men by giving them life skills," she said, watching the team gleefully haul the

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## Notice of hearing Transmission Line 799L Rebuild

AltaLink Management Ltd. has filed an application for a transmission development between Whitecourt and Entwistle



### Proceeding 28957 Application 28957-A001

The Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC), the independent utilities regulator, will be holding a hearing to review the application and submissions received to consider the electric transmission development application in Proceeding 28957. The Commission is proceeding directly to a notice of hearing given the submissions already received on the record.

**Written participation submissions are due August 28, 2024.  
Written evidence is due October 16, 2024.**

AltaLink has applied to rebuild approximately 62 kilometres of the 138-kilovolt Transmission Line 799L between its Sagitawah 775 Substation, located near the town of Whitecourt, and its Entwistle 2355 Substation, located near the town of Entwistle. The application has been filed under the *Hydro and Electric Energy Act*.

AltaLink has proposed to rebuild the transmission line primarily along the existing alignment. AltaLink proposed an alternate route for one segment of the transmission line. A map of the proposed routes is included in this notice. The Commission may approve either of the proposed routes.

#### Additional information about the application

The application and any associated documents are publicly available and can be accessed from the eFiling System on the AUC website [www.auc.ab.ca](http://www.auc.ab.ca). Alternatively, for more information about what is being applied for, or for a copy of the application, please contact:

AltaLink Management Ltd.  
Nora Panahi, Regulatory Coordinator  
Phone: 403-267-5909  
Email: [regulatory@altalink.ca](mailto:regulatory@altalink.ca)

#### Participant information session

The AUC will be holding a virtual information session to provide information about how you may become involved in this proceeding and the funding which may be available to you to support your position, which includes costs for legal representation and expert witnesses. The virtual information session is scheduled for **August 21, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.** The project and its merits will not be discussed at this session. To register for the virtual information session, please sign up here or email [elaine.chu@auc.ab.ca](mailto:elaine.chu@auc.ab.ca) by **August 19, 2024**.

If you cannot attend the virtual information session, but want to learn more about the review process, or for more information about how you may become involved in this proceeding, please contact us or visit our website and review the information under "Have your say about a utility project" or under "Review process for facility applications." The lead application officer, Elaine Chu, can also be contacted at 403-592-3282 or by email at [elaine.chu@auc.ab.ca](mailto:elaine.chu@auc.ab.ca).

#### Submissions

If you wish to participate in this proceeding, please visit our website and log in to the eFiling System, go to Proceeding 28957, and register to participate under the "registered parties" tab. For guidance on how to use the eFiling System, please visit [www.auc.ab.ca/how-to-use-efiling](http://www.auc.ab.ca/how-to-use-efiling). Alternatively, please contact us at 310-4AUC (310-4282) in Alberta or [info@auc.ab.ca](mailto:info@auc.ab.ca) for more information or assistance with filing your submission. The lead application officer, Elaine Chu, can also be contacted at 403-592-3282 or by email at [elaine.chu@auc.ab.ca](mailto:elaine.chu@auc.ab.ca).

The AUC may make its decision without further notice or process if no written submissions are received.

Only parties that have filed participation submissions and have been granted standing may be eligible for funding and to fully participate in the hearing.

#### Privacy

To support an open and transparent process, information you send to the AUC will be publicly available to anyone registered in this proceeding. If there is confidential information you would like to file, a request must be made in advance of filing your submission.



# PUZZLES

SEE SOLUTIONS PAGE 15



## SUDOKU

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1			6				9
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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

- Spiritual leaders
- A solution
- Fortified wine
- Edible mollusk
- Blood group
- A way to compare
- Gov't lawyer
- Actor Ciaran
- Calendar month
- Very willing
- ... ex Machina
- Satisfies
- Type of berry
- Distinctive practice
- Popular pickup truck model
- Dekagram
- Naturally occurring solid material
- Company officer
- Villains
- Cricket frogs

- German founder of psychology
- Endured
- A female domestic
- A situation you can be in
- Cigarette (slang)
- Fiber optic network (abbr.)
- Belgian composer Walter
- Employee stock ownership plan
- Belonging to the bottom layer
- Musical or vocal sound
- Yankees' great Judge
- Dickens character
- Beloved late sportscaster Craig
- South Dakota
- Exposing human vice or folly to ridicule
- Atomic #79
- Former Braves pitcher Julio

- Humor
- Shawl
- Hospital unit

### CLUES DOWN

- Animal disease
- Commercial
- Arts and crafts supplies
- Containers
- Investment vehicle
- A way to greet in a friendly way
- Bulged downward
- "A Day Without" singer
- Lay about
- Intestinal
- Negative
- Caused to be loved
- Prominent in Islamic eschatology
- Sincere
- Not in
- Number above the line in a fraction
- Bill Murray chased one
- Pouch
- Swedish krona

- Start over
- Wild white or yellow flower
- Fourteen
- Visual way of interacting with a computer (abbr.)
- Up-to-date
- Campaigns
- Touch lightly
- "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen
- Violent seizure of property
- One who supports the Pope
- Malaise
- Body fluid
- Inauthentic person
- Title of respect
- Chilean city
- Central Japanese city
- Garment
- Draw from
- Automobile
- The man
- Top government lawyer

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## HOROSCOPE

### ARIES

(March 21 - April 20)



Aries, keep moving forward when you find yourself in a tough situation. It's best not to linger, but to find a path forward. Wait for the dust to settle before getting involved.

### TAURUS

(April 21 - May 21)



Taurus, you have a tendency to go overboard at times. Perhaps take a more middle-of-the-road strategy this week when a task falls in your lap. Give it time before acting.

### GEMINI

(May 22 - June 21)



Gemini, you have a lot going on in your life right now to keep you busy. With so much happening, try not to worry about what is going on with others. Stay in your lane.

### CANCER

(June 22 - July 22)



Family matters may be causing you some strain this week, Cancer. While it is nice to get together, it also can cause some stress. Space out visits so you can recharge in between.

### LEO

(July 23 - August 23)



Leo, don't worry if you can't see the path forward too clearly right now. Things will be revealed in due time and you'll have all the information you need to proceed.

### VIRGO

(August 24 - September 22)



Virgo, when a difficult arises, your first response is to get right in the middle of it and try to work things out or force it to go away. That isn't always the most effective approach.

### LIBRA

(September 23 - October 23)



Libra, when it comes to your personal passions, you are full speed ahead and very regimented in the path you take. Put those skills to the test this week with a new venture.

### SCORPIO

(October 24 - November 22)



Scorpio, if anyone assembled a crack team of experts to get through tough times, you certainly would be included. You'll help a loved one with a last-minute problem soon enough.

### SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)



You have a natural curiosity and zeal for life, Sagittarius. These traits may cascade over others and inspire them to try new things this week. Join along in the fun.

### CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)



Someone from the past could come back into your life, Capricorn,. He or she could provide some answers you have been looking for. Stay tuned and be a good listener.

### AQUARIUS

(January 21 - February 18)



You soon get the opportunity to hang out with someone you haven't seen in awhile, Aquarius. You may stay up late catching up on all of the moments you have missed lately.

### PISCES

(February 19 - March 20)



A mistake that someone else made will be a learning experience for you, Pisces. This experience could serve as a cautionary tale of how to approach life or similar situations.

## ADVENTUROUS WORD SEARCH

H Y I R D E V I T C A D S C A R Y C B E  
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D A R G X T L G Y M U Y X I P E N B Z A

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

### WORDS

- ACHIEVEMENT
- ACTION
- ACTIVE

- ADVENTURES
- BARRIERS
- BOUNDARIES
- BUMPS

- BUNGEE
- CHILLS
- CLIMBING
- COASTER

- COMPETITION
- ENDURANCE
- EXERTION
- EXTREME

- GOALS
- HEART-RACING
- HIGH
- PARACHUTE

- RAPIDS
- SCARY
- SPEED
- THRILLING
- TRAIL BLAZE

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trophy around the field. “They put it all out there and wore their hearts on their sleeves and put all those skills that they have been working hard at to work. They left it all on the ball field and did a great job.”

Rhonda McKinnon, Host Coordinator, said the support received from the community was amazing. “This is a lot of work, and it takes all hands on deck from the parent group to make it possible. It also takes the support of the community. We had phenomenal response from sponsors, including the Town of Whitecourt Sports Hosting Program, which provided us with funds to help support this event.”

Both ladies sang the praises of the business community for making the season what it was. The sponsor list, featuring the logos of dozens of area companies, was displayed proudly at the field throughout the tournament and shared on social media. Speaking about the coaching staff, Head Coach Jason Harper and assistant coaches Tyler Perrin, Shawn Martens, and Pat Shrode, Turcotte said they went above and beyond for the kids. “Not only did they do the regular two-day-a-week practices, but they would also put in extra practices for the boys that needed help. They set up dryland training and provided all of the apparel for them. They went really, really above and beyond.”

Head Coach Jason Harper said he decided to start coaching two years ago so he could help influence the kids and have a positive impact on them. “Team sports teach leadership and how to be part of a team and be respectful and it teaches kids to be good young humans.” When asked why he and the coaches offered extra support outside of regular practices, Harper said seeing kids struggle was hard and sometimes all they need is a little one-on-one time. “The extra practice is something we do as coaches to help them in their development, and in the end, it puts a smile on

their faces, and that is what this is all about.”

He said showcasing the community by having the championships in Whitecourt was awesome, and he thanked everyone for stepping up. “Thanks to all the organizers that put on the event. Thanks to all the parents and fans who came to cheer, the sponsors, and the groundskeepers. The field looked awesome, and the facility looked awesome. I can’t thank everybody who contributed to this weekend enough.”

Three other WMB teams were in action last weekend. The 13UAA Whitecourt Royals won gold in their provincial championship in Irma, the 15UAA Whitecourt Royals won silver in Fort Saskatchewan, and the 18UAA Whitecourt Royals lost in their provincial championship in Innisfail but played very well. Congratulations to all WMB teams for a job well done!



A large crowd on Sunday morning.



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Township	Ranges	Meridian
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58	21	W5M
59	17, 23, 24	W5M
60	22, 23, 24	W5M

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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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Support group on Tuesdays 6:30pm - 8:30 pm, starting September 17, 2024 at Crossroads Community Church, 4419 44 Ave, Mayerthorpe.  
\$35 includes 12 weekly sessions.  
**Pre-register by calling 780-786-2533.**

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Meetings are three times each week

- Monday 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm
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**New Women's AA Group on Saturdays @11 am**

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Austin James Crnogorac  
Age 18

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# To Jasper with Love, from Whitecourt



Tobias and Silas Wassing during their first summit without being carried.



A Weathers kid venturing into the chilly, mountain-fed water of the Athabasca.

By Serena Lapointe

Since the evening of Monday, July 22, Albertans, Canadians and visitors from around the world have watched in horror as a National Park beloved for its God-given beauty was ravished by several wildfires, including two that met at the Jasper townsite boundary before entering the historic community.

For many Whitecourtians, Jasper is a natural playground. Being situated less than three hours away, a day trip into the mountains, in any season, is something many residents take advantage of. "My first visit there, I believe, was in 2001. I was babysitting twin girls. Their family went on an Easter weekend getaway and invited me along. They wanted to take the older kids to the ice caves and other attractions. I remember taking the little girls for rides in their wagon. We explored downtown, some parks, and talked about the mountains and the wildlife. It was awesome being their nanny," recounted Whitecourt resident Lisa Swallow.

In sharing one of her

memories of Jasper, Swallow said her heart is broken for Jasper residents, and she hopes they can rebuild and maybe even replicate some of the character buildings lost. "It is a huge loss for Alberta. I cannot imagine what they are going through. I wish strength for them. Together, we are Alberta strong."

For Lana Ulbricht Miller and Veronica Wassing, Jasper is a place they enjoy visiting solo. "I did a few trips with friends and my hubby for skiing and sightseeing, but it evolved into my happy place that I prefer to visit solo," explained Miller. "I spent a Canada Day there one summer. It was so amazing. I knew then how fortunate we were to have Jasper in our backyard." Miller even celebrates her summer birthday in Jasper every year. "I go alone, and I look forward to it all year. I am so heartbroken (over the destruction)."

For Wassing, Jasper helped her through a tough transition in life, and it remains a special

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As Whitecourt residents helplessly watch a nearby gem be ravished by fire, the sentiment of wanting to help is loud and clear. Several residents spoke with The Press to share some of their memories from Jasper while sending love and strength to its residents.

## 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, August 21st, at 4:30 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](mailto:planning@woodlands.ab.ca) prior to **4:30 p.m., August 15th** 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. NW 18-59-11-W5M Lot 12 Block 2 Plan 062-6222	15-042-2024	Variance – Accessory Building prior to Dwelling & Side Yard setback from 6m to 3.66m

Information regarding this application may be obtained by inquiring prior to **4:30 pm, August 15th, 2024**.

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place for her. In May, she did her first solo hike at Morro Peak, just east of the airport where one of the fires was. "It was my celebration of my independence after leaving my 10-year marriage. Jasper is where I found myself and my love for wilderness and hiking."

Wassing said her memories of Jasper began as a child. "I have always loved the mountains. I drove through every summer on our way to BC as a kid. I quickly fell in love with the peace and the serenity of it all. Jasper is my heart. Both of my kids started going when they were six months old."

Getting to experience the area with her children grew her love for it even more. "After exploring the town and major attractions, my kids, ex-husband, and I started exploring the backcountry. We hiked a lot of mountains with a kid each strapped to our backs, and last summer, at 5 and 7, my kids finally summited their first mountain on their own without being carried," reminisced Wassing. "It's my favourite place on earth, and I cannot wait to make new memories and watch it regrow and change and be beautiful again," said Wassing.

She and her two boys were in Jasper on the day the two fires started, leaving just a few hours before. "My boys' dad did the rock work on a pony wall down the main drag. I am glad they will always have this tie to their dad in Jasper, and it still stands after the fire."

For Whitecourt resident Maan Santos Manlongat, getting to experience Jasper's beauty is a joy that she shares with her young family. "Jasper is one of our go-to places every year since my baby was born. At her young age, she appreciates the beauty of Jasper, especially when we are about to enter Jasper National Park. She is already clapping her hands, saying, "Wow, mountain." My little girl is turning 2, and she is one of those grateful people who appreciate the beauty of Jasper." Manlongat said hu-

mans were created to need companionship, especially at difficult times when they need to help each other. "Jasperites are all amazing people. May God be with you all, always."

Resident Stacie Bourdages said she and her husband love exploring Jasper National Park and learning the rich history. "There is always so much to see and explore. Each time is a whole new experience. Getting out on the water with the mountains in the background is so peaceful and rejuvenating to the soul!"

For Terry and Leah Parish, Jasper holds special memories of passed loved ones. "Before my sister passed away, whenever she visited from New Brunswick, my husband, sister, and I always had our yearly visit to Jasper. I remember the first time we surprised her by taking her to Jasper. She was so happy. She had tears of joy. Whenever family visit us, we always take them to Jasper."

When residents shared their favourite memories of Jasper and Jasper National Park with The Press, a common sentiment arose; people are eager to visit again to support the community and help it regrow. "Our whole family, including our 6-year-old daughter, is devastated about the fire and the negative impact it had on the environment and community! We cannot wait to help you grow back into the beautiful, peaceful town you are! We cannot wait to be back with you again," expressed Felicity Weathers, whose family goes at least twice a year.

Whitecourt resident Lori Coffey lived in Jasper years ago after the community stole her heart. "I lived in Edmonton and went to Jasper for a weekend visit following a break-up. I ended up staying for over three years. I quit my job and moved there. It called me. I needed to be there." Coffey then ended up in Whitecourt and has called the community home ever since.

"I brought that love of Jasper with me to Whitecourt. It is still our place. We love Jasper. I have been hik-



**A rock wall in Jasper that still stands after the fire.**



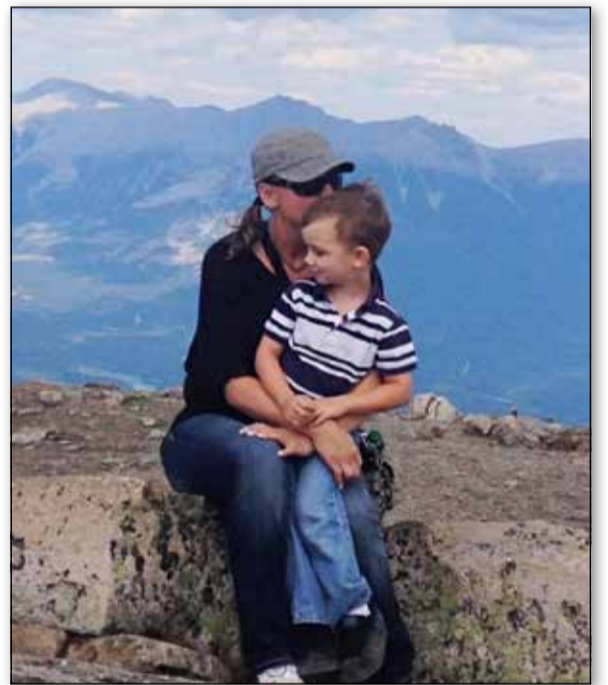
**Manlongat's two-year old daughter, Abia, happy at the summit.**



**A pair of Bourdages' on one of Jasper's many lakes.**



**A birthday selfie for Ulbricht-Miller with one of Jasper's murals.**



**Lori and Lachlan on top of the world.**



**Morro Peak, Veronica's first solo hike.**

ing there with my son, Lachlan since he was four. He is 16 now, and we still go. The first picture he and I took together on a mountain is still my phone's background image. I can't bring myself to change it. It means so much to me."

Since the fire, Coffey has been staying

in contact with friends from Jasper, offering support in any way she can. "I just want to support the community. To see that history burn down. It nauseates me. I hope they can keep that small town, homey, comfortable feel when they rebuild it. Jasper is different. I hope they can maintain that spe-

cialness. It's not commercialized like Banff is. That makes it very special."

As residents of Jasper face unimaginable uncertainty in the face of over 350 of the town's structures destroyed, roughly 30 percent, one thing is certain; people want to help. Whether that means visiting

and spending dollars at businesses once the rebuild is on or donating money or time towards projects and fundraisers, Alberta Strong is not just a saying, it's a way of life. "Just know that you are not alone," said Miller. "We know that Jasper will rebuild and be even better than before."

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*A welcoming bench surrounded by flowers at the corner of Park Drive and Park Circle.*



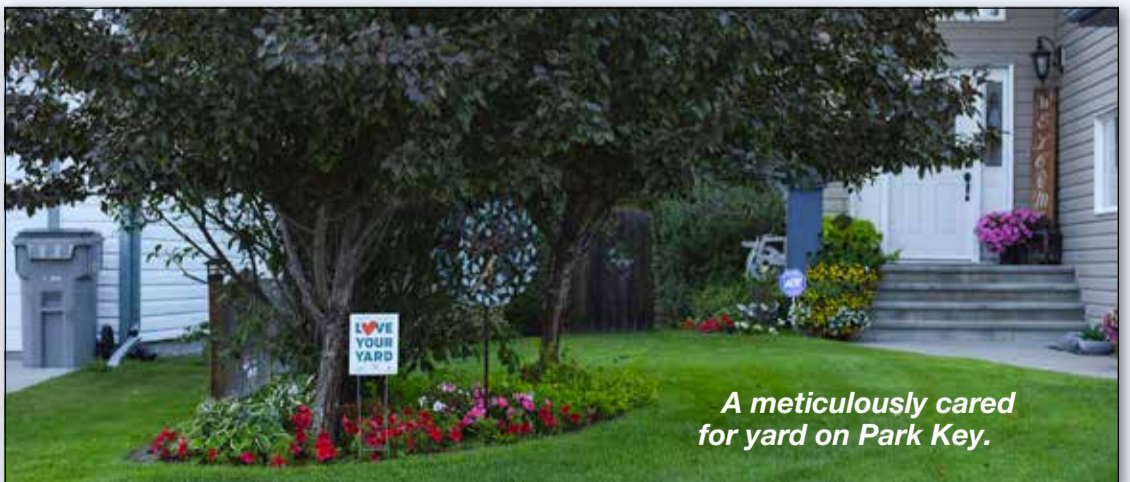
*This home's front yard on Park Circle is well dressed.*



*Flowers of all colours are flourishing in abundance at this home on Whitecourt Ave.*



*A pretty rock wall with lots of happy flowers on Blueberry Drive.*



*A meticulously cared for yard on Park Key.*

*Last week, The Press showcased some downtown homes proudly displaying "Love Your Yard" signs from the Whitecourt Communities in Bloom Committee. Homeowners were awarded signs to acknowledge their efforts in making Whitecourt a beautiful place. This week, we are showcasing some uptown yards. Also worth noting is that the national judges for Communities in Bloom will be coming on Monday, August 12 to judge Whitecourt. The local bloom committee hopes the signs inspire residents to be proud of their community. They encourage residents to make extra effort, if possible, to spiff things up before August 12 to increase the communities' chances of winning.*

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# Powerful stuff: Alberta's natural resources sector

By Rob Roach  
ATB ECONOMICS

Natural resources are an important part of the Canadian economy, but "natural resources" is not a category in the main datasets available from Statistics Canada.\* This includes such critical measures as employment, exports, and gross domestic product.

To help address this shortfall, Statistics Canada has created a special dataset that combines the natural resource activities (not including agriculture)\*\* that take place across multiple industries. The latest results just came out and provide annual data by province for the 2009 to 2022 period.

**Key findings include:**

- Alberta had the largest natural resource industry in the country in 2022 at 38% (\$137 billion) of the sector's national nominal GDP (\$359 billion). Ontario is second on the list at 16% of the total.
- The reason for Alberta's outsized share is its energy patch which accounted for over half (53%) of the nominal GDP generated by the national energy sub-sector in 2022.
- Energy production and products play a dominant role in Alberta's natural re-

sources sector, accounting for 94% of the province's nominal natural resource sector GDP in 2022.

- B.C. had the largest forestry industry in the country in 2022 at 31% (\$8 billion) of the national forestry sub-sector's nominal GDP (\$26 billion). Alberta was in third spot at 16% (\$4 billion) of the Canadian total.
- Saskatchewan had the largest mineral and mining industry in 2022 at 26% (\$21 billion) of the national sub-sector's nominal GDP (\$83 billion).
- Alberta's natural resources sector was 46% larger in terms of annual real GDP in 2022 than in 2009 when the data series begins.
- Once again, energy (particularly crude oil extraction) was the main driver, accounting for almost all of the growth and offsetting reduced output in the mineral and mining sub-sector and the hunting, fishing and water sub-sector.
- The real GDP generated by crude oil extraction in Alberta was an incredible 103% higher in 2022 than in 2009. This increase in the volume of oil produced is tied to the expansion of oil sands activity in

the province.

- The number of people employed in Alberta's natural resources sector has gone up and down since 2009, peaking in 2013 and 196,559 and falling to a low of 149,376 in 2016. Employment has since increased to 171,992 as of 2022.
- Not surprisingly given its large role noted above, the energy sub-sector accounted for 84% of all natural resources sector jobs in Alberta in 2022.
- \*The North American Industry Classification System that is used to break down economic data into sectors includes categories such as "oil and gas extraction" and "wood product manufacturing," but it does not have an umbrella category for the natural resource sector.

*\*\*Natural resource activities as those which result in goods and services originating from naturally occurring assets (excluding agriculture) used in economic activity, as well as their initial processing (primary manufacturing). The natural resource sector is split into four distinct sub-sectors: forestry; energy; mineral and mining; and hunting, fishing and water.*

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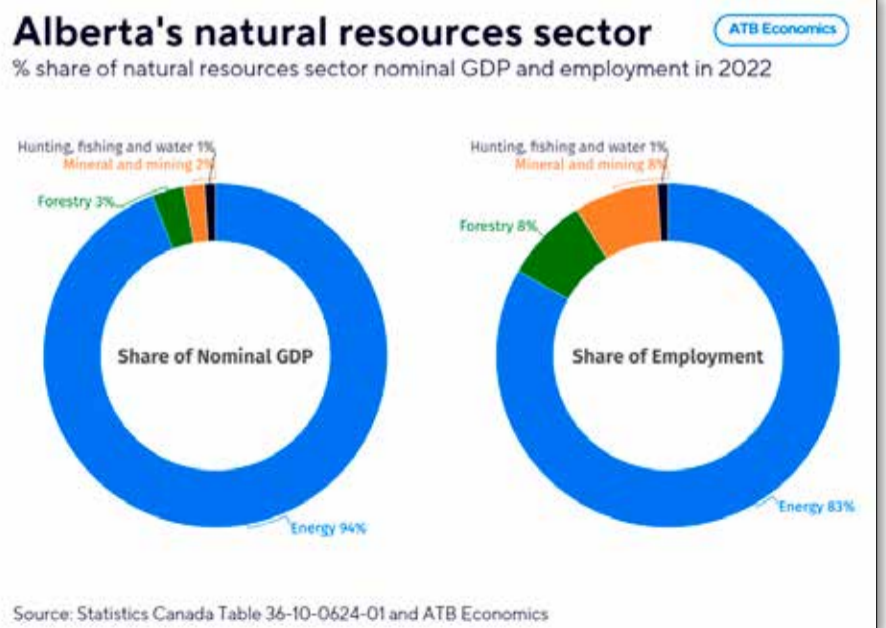
Canfor's Whitecourt and Fox Creek 2024 Vegetation Management Program has been approved by Alberta Forestry and Parks. The application of glyphosate will take place on cutblocks located within our Forest Management Area and timber licenses in the Whitecourt, Fox Creek, Fort Assiniboine, Swan Hills and Edson areas. A maximum of 4500 hectares will be treated throughout the following locations:

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51	11, 12	W 5M
53	11	W 5M
58	13, 14, 16, 17, 21	W 5M
59	13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23	W 5M
60	11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18	W 5M
61	12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 21	W 5M
62	14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 21, 22	W 5M
63	6, 7, 8, 9	W 5M
64	6, 7, 8, 9	W 5M
65	6, 7, 15, 16	W 5M
66	6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 15, 16	W 5M
67	12, 13	W 5M
68	10, 11	W 5M
69	10, 11	W 5M

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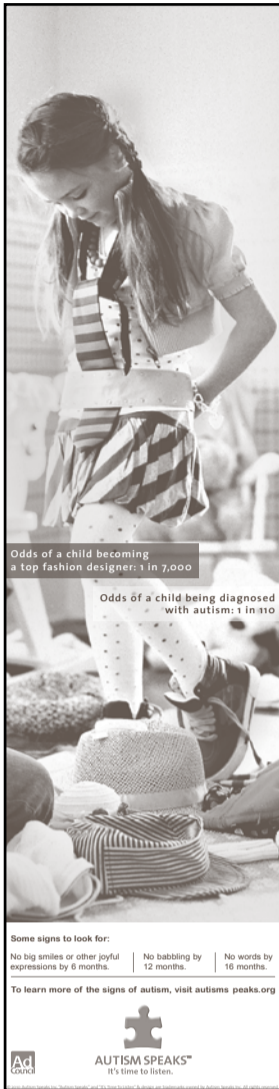
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24-Hr Rain / Snow	-	-	-	-	-

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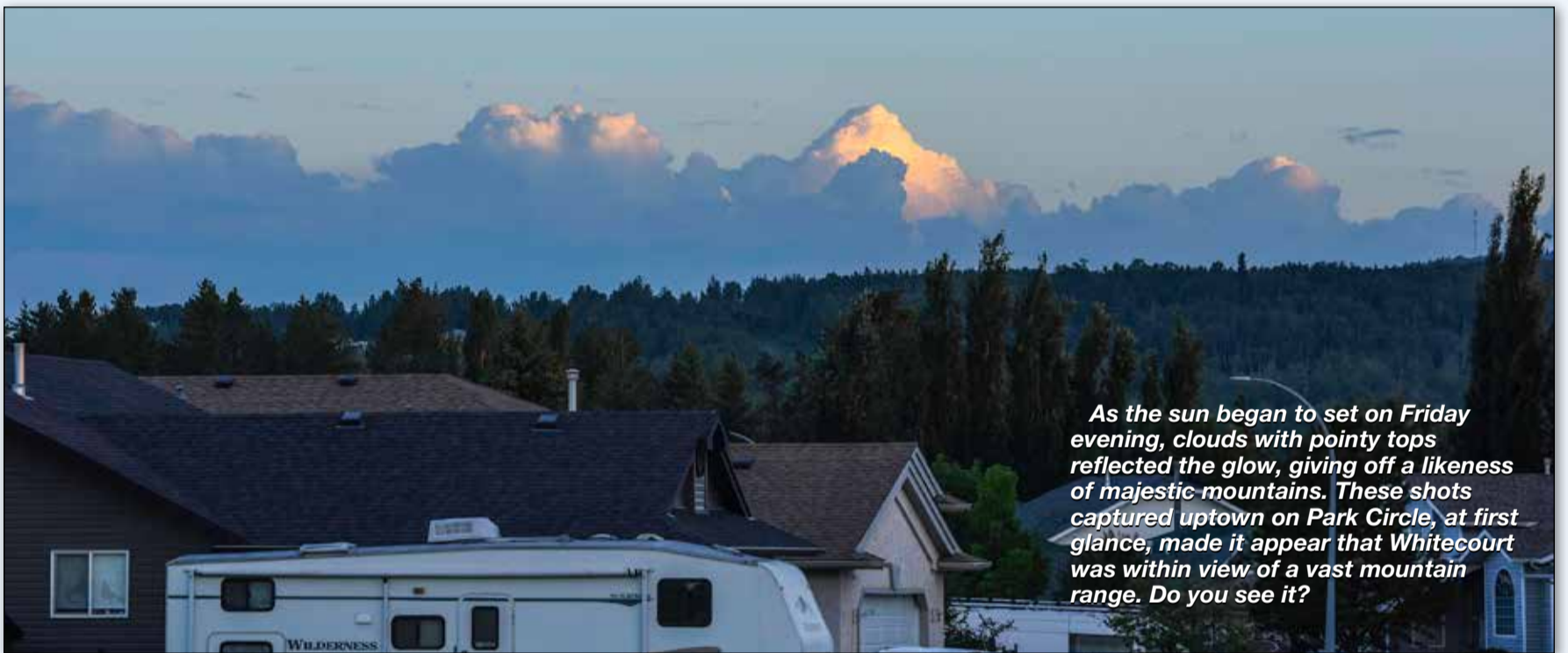
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# Optical Illusion



*As the sun began to set on Friday evening, clouds with pointy tops reflected the glow, giving off a likeness of majestic mountains. These shots captured uptown on Park Circle, at first glance, made it appear that Whitecourt was within view of a vast mountain range. Do you see it?*



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**18<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING**

**Tuesday, August 27, 2024**

**Anselmo Hall**

**Join us for a complimentary Burger  
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