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## Downtown Fall Crawl a massive hit as sunshine brings out plenty of shoppers to support local businesses



Yummy brie served up at Beaver Creek.



Local author Janelle Hilland at Just Peachy.



The till line at White Wall Wood was packed with happy shoppers.

By Serena Lapointe

The 2nd Annual Downtown Fall Crawl took place on Thursday last week. Thirteen Whitecourt businesses took part, more than

double from last year's event, making for a fun evening of shopping, chatting and exploring some of downtown Whitecourt's small businesses.

Nancy Chatters-Johnson, owner of Beaver Creek General Store, organized the event, which ran from 5:00

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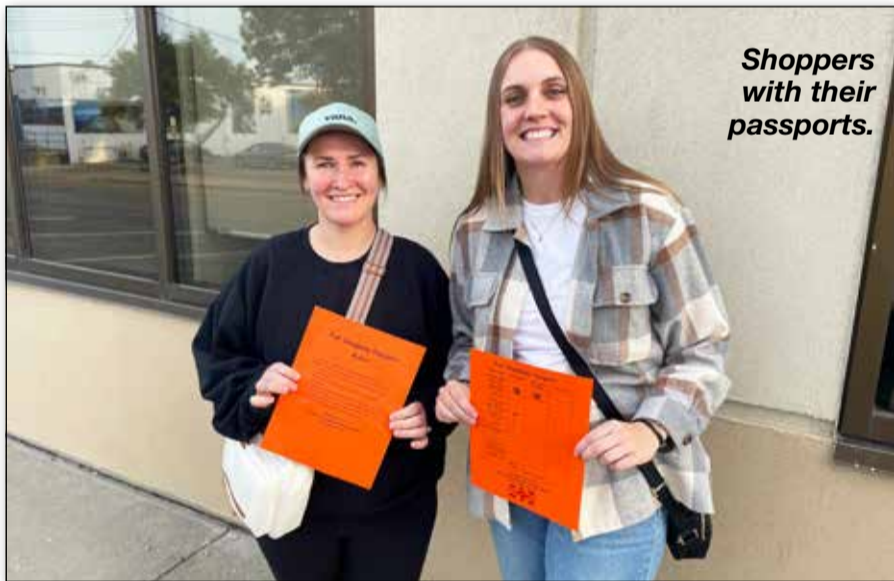


Two Cats having a chat after a big hit.



A big tackle.

The Whitecourt Cats Football team was in action on Friday at Graham Acres for this season's home opener, taking on the Peace River Pioneers. The temperature dipped under ten degrees and the wind was blowing prompting fans to bring out blankets to cuddle up under while they cheered on their team. The Cats gave Peace River a run for its money, but in the end, the score wasn't what the team or the hometown fans wanted to see, 39-0. But they sure played hard! The team will be back in action at Graham Acres on Friday, October 4 and they hope to see lots of fans out to watch.



Shoppers with their passports.

The message from the organizers of this year's Downtown Fall Crawl is "shop small this fall, and all the time." More than double the stores from last year signed up for the growing event, encouraging shoppers to explore businesses in the downtown core.

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pm to 8:00 pm, and said seeing the growth from five or six businesses last year to thirteen this year was exciting. "It's been super busy, and everybody just seems excited. The weather is beautiful, which really helps. I haven't been outside walking the streets and seeing what's happening, but I've heard there are people everywhere. Everyone is happy and excited, going to all these different businesses. I'm just ecstatic."

Stores taking part offered various sales and promotions with some even offering treats. Beaver Creek staff gave alcohol-free sangria to everyone who walked in and had brie or macaroni and cheese to sample. "We're having fun," said Chatters-Johnson. Shoppers were also filling out a fall shopping passport. The more stores they visited and got a stamp at, the better their odds were of winning prizes. "Many people tend to shop online, and I think we need to draw the

focus to our downtown small businesses. If we don't have a vibrant downtown, we don't really have a town. It's so important to keep our downtown alive. There are so many exciting little businesses and these young entrepreneurs that I'm so excited about opening these businesses. Let's support them! Plus, us old gals who have been doing this for a while," she chuckled.

Down the street at Just Peachy Arts & continued on page 3

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## NOTICE OF DECISION

The following decisions were made by the Municipal Planning Commission:

Subdivision W14-317: NW ¼ 36-59-12W5 – Request for 2 Year Extension – 25 Lots at Wellwood Drive – Approved with Conditions.

**Date of Decision:** September 12, 2024      **Appeal Closes at 4:00pm:** September 27, 2024

Application 24-077: Corner of 42 Street and 42 Avenue – Discretionary Use – Bulk Fuel Service – Approved with Conditions.

Application 24-080: 3801 35 Street – Discretionary Use – Equipment, Sales, Rental and Repair, Heavy – Approved with Conditions.

Application 24-081: 129 Mink Creek Road – Discretionary Use – Home Occupation, Day Care – Approved with Conditions.

**Date of Decisions:** September 12, 2024      **Appeals Close at 4:00pm:** October 3, 2024

An Appeal of the above decisions 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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Crafts, local author Janelle Hilland was one of the in-store artists attending in person. “I am here to do a book signing. I wrote a book for my daughter about wildflowers and how we are just like them. We need the rain like we need our tears, we need sunshine like we need warm hugs, and we need rest just like the flowers in the light of the moon. I wanted to let my daughter know that even when things get hard, it will be ok. It’s a message that we all need, kids, parents and non-parents. Everyone needs it,” explained Hilland.

Sitting right across from the door, Hilland had a perfect view of customers as they entered. “It’s nice to see so many people coming through the door because with businesses like this, the only way they are going to

survive is if we support them, so it’s great that they are holding events like this and working together. It’s cool to see the different ages and walks of life coming through the door to support our town.”

Hilland said events encouraging people to check out places they’ve maybe never seen before or haven’t been in a while, are a great way to remind the community of what’s here. “I think we get used to going place to place that we forget to stop into the places that are outside of our routine, and I think events like this encourage us to wiggle outside of our boxes and check out places that we might not normally go to. It reminds us of the great places we have here.”

Hilland, who hopes to publish her second book soon, which she says contains a message of using your imagination and embracing/

carving for yourself and what that looks like, said having a store like Just Peachy is fantastic for local and area artists. “It’s got that wonderful, homey, eclectic feel. You walk in, and there is something special somewhere for everybody. A space that allows everyone in town to come and either bring their stuff to the community or support those unique small artists, even like myself, that’s precious.”

Jennifer Moffat, owner of The Shop, was celebrating her first anniversary on the night of the Downtown Fall Crawl event. “It was so nice to see so many new and familiar faces pop by the store. I think nights like these are crucial for smaller communities to keep the hype alive for us small businesses when online shopping is so easy and literally at the tip of your fingers. When shopping online,

you lose that sense of connection that you get when shopping in smaller local stores like my boutique.”

The welcoming smile from Moffat that shoppers see upon entering The Shop is just one of the things that makes shopping there feel like home. “When you come to try on clothing, it’s almost like you have your own personal shopping hype girl. I’m here to help you with sizing, piecing outfits together, product recommendations and sometimes even free therapy,” laughed Moffat, adding that she’s slightly kidding about the therapy part.

“My little Shop is small but mighty, and the continued support helps set me on the path to achieving my goals and growing the business into a bigger space with more stock, selection and diversity. When you invest in and

support local businesses, the town can grow as a collective.

More businesses will pop up and create an amazing community to be proud of,” added Moffat, who also sells home décor, stationary, and bath and body products.

Chatters-Johnson said she is ecstatic to have had the thirteen businesses join in and hopes to see that number grow next year. She thanked them for joining in on the fun. “I would like to also say a big thank you to the Town of Whitecourt for donating \$500 to support this project.

Downtown businesses put it together, and we are so impressed by the Town of Whitecourt for stepping up and supporting us and committing to support us in the future.”

Moffat said shoppers were commenting that they would love to see another shopping crawl

happen for Christmas, and she hopes it happens too. “It was a great experience. Bring on the next one!” She also thanked Chatters-Johnson for taking the reins and the shoppers for coming out. “Small businesses survive off of the locals whether it’s purchasing, visiting, sharing social media posts or simply word of mouth. If you love a store, make sure you hype them up and support them any way that you can, we truly need it!”

The businesses that took part were Beaver Creek General Store, White Wall Wood, Curl Up & Dye Hairdesign, Caine’s Jewellers, Aesthetics Clinique, Just Peachy Arts and Crafts, The Shop, Polished Beauty Lounge, Fabutan & Hush Lash Studio, Hadley, Asher and Elliot’s Candy Emporium, Whatever Works, Thyme to Grow, and Petals Plus.



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## HIGHLIGHTS

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### Feedback Survey:

An online survey will be available the week of September 23 for residents to provide feedback on the proposed land use bylaw. A link to the survey will be available on the Woodlands County website <https://woodlands.ab.ca/p/lub-update>  
The survey closes October 18.

Scan the QR code for more information about the land use bylaw update



## INFORMATION SESSIONS

**Tuesday, October 8, 5:00 - 7:00 pm**

Fort Legion (Memorial) Hall  
32 State Ave, Fort Assiniboine

**Wednesday, October 9, 5:00 - 7:00 pm**

Woodlands County Council Chambers  
1 Woodlands Lane, Whitecourt

**Thursday, October 10, 5:00 - 7:00 pm**

Anselmo Hall  
AB-647, Woodlands County

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- The session will provide residents with an opportunity to review and give feedback on proposed new/revised bylaw sections.
- Residents have an opportunity to discuss any concerns with staff.
- Access the online survey to submit your feedback on the available sections.



Details and additional information will be provided at the Land Use Bylaw Public Information Session and on the website noted below for those unable to attend.

More online: <https://woodlands.ab.ca/p/lub-update>

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### Opportunity for Public Participation

Every fall, the Town of Whitecourt recruits citizens to fill volunteer positions on various boards and committees that provide Town Council with perspective and recommendations regarding important civic issues. Whitecourt is a diverse, growing town, and citizens are in the best position to provide input on our changing community needs. Get involved! It's your town. Share your knowledge and meet new colleagues.

#### Community Services Advisory Board

***"To create a healthy, strong community by meeting the leisure and social needs of the community."***

(2) Members – terms to expire in October 2027

Applications will be accepted from residents of Whitecourt or the Woodlands County agreement area.

#### Economic Development Committee

***"To set up and establish an economic development program to further the interests of the Town of Whitecourt in the areas of economic development and tourism."***

(2) Members – terms to expire in October 2027

#### Municipal Planning Commission

***"To deal with land use planning matters with particular emphasis on the Land Use Bylaw."***

(1) Member – Alternate Position – term to expire in October 2027

#### Protective Services Committee

***"To ensure that police needs of the community are met."***

(1) Member – term to expire October 2027

Applications will be accepted from both Town of Whitecourt and Woodlands County residents. Please note that members will be required to submit a criminal record check with their application. This document will be used to consider the suitability of the candidate.

#### Subdivision and Development Appeal Board

***"To make decisions on appeals of subdivision or development decisions made by the Development Officer or Municipal Planning Commission."***

(2) Members – terms to expire in October 2027

#### Town of Whitecourt Library Board

***"To work towards maintaining the vibrancy of our library and meeting the social needs of community members through the creation of policies and planning."***

(2) Members – term to expire in October 2027

Applications will be accepted from Town of Whitecourt residents.

If being on a Council Committee interests you, please complete an application form which can be found on the Whitecourt website at <https://www.whitecourt.ca/your-town/mayor-council/public-participation> or picked up at the Town Office. Applications must be received before 12:00 noon, Monday, October 21, 2024 to:

Whitecourt Town Administration Office  
Attention: Executive Assistant  
5004 - 52 Avenue, Box 509  
WHITECOURT, AB T7S 1N6  
email: [administration@whitecourt.ca](mailto:administration@whitecourt.ca)



You can also scan the QR code for a direct link to the application form:

Applications are also being accepted for the:

#### Youth Advisory Committee

***"To work collectively to ensure the needs of Whitecourt's youth are met."***

(10) Members – term to expire September 2025

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Applications for all committees will be presented to Town Council at the October 28, 2024 Regular Meeting.

#### Questions?

Contact our Administration Department at 780.778.2273 or email [administration@whitecourt.ca](mailto:administration@whitecourt.ca).

If you want to find out more about our Council Committees, attend our Council Committee Information Session at the Allan & Jean Millar Centre, on October 9 from 7:00 – 8:00pm.

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Current opportunities are posted on the Town's website and when required, opportunities are posted on [purchasingconnection.ca](http://purchasingconnection.ca). Currently, Whitecourt has the following opportunity:

- 2024-09-05: **Allan & Jean Millar Centre Vending Machine Provision and Operation.** Closes: October 4, 2024 at 12:00PM MST.

For further details on this opportunity, visit [www.whitecourt.ca](http://www.whitecourt.ca) and search the project title.

## RAIL SAFETY WEEK

### SEPTEMBER 23 - 29, 2024

Whitecourt Town Council encourages the citizens of Whitecourt to recognize September 23 – 29, 2024 as Rail Safety Week. We encourage all residents to practice safe behaviour around tracks and trains to eliminate injuries and fatalities. For more information on rail safety, please go to [www.operationlifesaver.ca](http://www.operationlifesaver.ca).



SCHOOL NEWS



Grade three students at Pat Hardy Primary School explored the importance of the medicine wheel in Indigenous culture and its connection to the mind, body, and spirit. Afterward, they sorted their previously brainstormed classroom rules into the domains they believed best suited them and worked together to create a classroom treaty.



Grade three students at Whitecourt Central School created analog visuals as they began exploring the relationships between seconds, minutes, and hours. They learned to tell the time of day within a 24-hour cycle while also delving into the concept of fractions.



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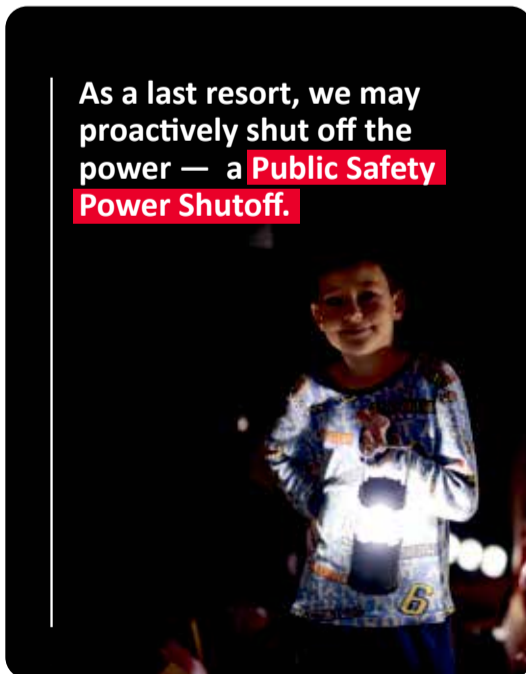
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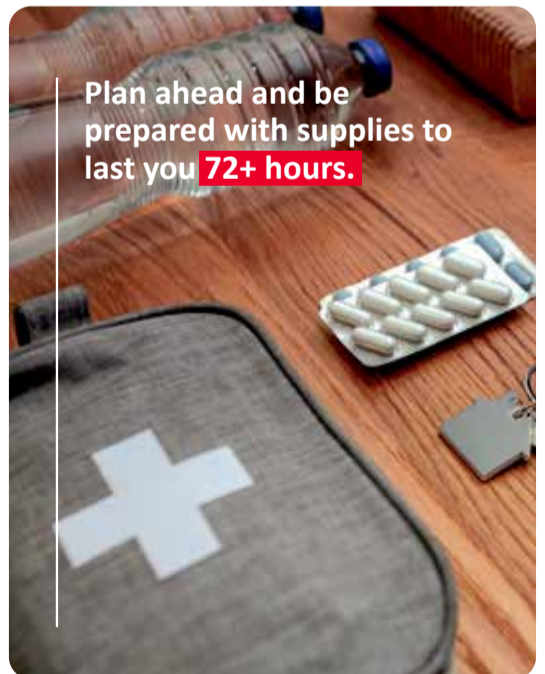
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# Woodlands County Council meeting review

A wobbly roller cart purchase of \$20,000 was approved funded from the Equipment Reserve to replace a non-working unit. Wobbly roller carts are often used for road construction, shoulder pulls, patching and cold mix placement and can be used for 20 years or more when maintained. Due to insufficient staffing levels for the level of work required, the municipal rebrand project was cancelled. Woodlands County was successful in their NRED grant application which covered up to 50% of the cost and

received \$62,500 from the Government of Alberta. With the project's cancellation, the funds will be returned to the province. The Police Funding Model Agreement in Alberta is set to expire in 2025. Woodlands County is concerned over vacant member positions which lead to poor response times and decreased levels of service. Additionally, as the funds are collected as a requisition on the property tax invoice, there is no control for the County to select the service levels for its residents. Prior to

a new agreement being signed, RMA is seeking input from municipalities regarding their experience with the funding model and policing services in their areas to better advocate for rural municipalities. Woodlands County continues to advocate for better policing in the municipality. Council requested to meet with Minister of Transportation & Economic Corridors Devin Dreeshen at the Rural Municipalities of Alberta Fall Convention in November to discuss the CYZU Airport and failed application for

grant funding from the Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program. In 2023, Woodlands County applied for grant funding under the Community Airport program for the Runway 11-29 Rehabilitation project, which was denied. The runway was assessed to be in poor condition requiring resurfacing and upgraded lighting. CYZU plays a critical role in the safety of Albertans by providing access to patient transfers for AHS, STARS, Alberta Wildfire, and RCMP. Council will continue advocating for CYZU

Airport to secure funding for this important piece of infrastructure in the community. Recognizing challenging road conditions in parts of the County, pilot projects continue to address road concerns, including the increased grading service on select roads and the cold mix road in subdivisions which begins this week. Another pilot, which is currently being monitored for effectiveness, uses grading, watering, and packing techniques and equipment to add moisture to gravel roads to reduce washboards.

- Upcoming scheduled meetings:**
- Governance and Priorities – Wednesday, September 18, 5:00 pm
  - Regular Council – Wednesday, September 25, 9:30 am
  - Regular Council – Wednesday, October 9, 5:00 pm
- Meetings are held in-person at the Municipal Office in Whitecourt and streamed on the Woodlands County YouTube channel. Agenda packages are available on the Woodlands County CivicWeb Portal.

## 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, October 16 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](mailto:planning@woodlands.ab.ca) prior to **4:30 pm., October 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. NE 20-59-12-W5M<br>Lot 5 Plan 002-2787 | 15-048-2024                           | Garden Suite |

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

Attention: Peter McKay, Development Officer  
[peter.mckay@woodlands.ab.ca](mailto:peter.mckay@woodlands.ab.ca)

Woodlands County  
Box 60, #1 Woodlands Lane, Whitecourt AB T7S 1N3  
Telephone: 780-778-8400  
Toll-Free: 1-888-870-6315

## MEMBERS AT LARGE REQUIRED

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- Agriculture Services Board - 2 vacancies**
- Economic Development Committee - 2 vacancies**
- Municipal Planning Commission - 1 vacancy**
- Community Services Committee - 2 vacancies**
- Community Services Committee - 1 adult and 1 youth vacancy (1-year term)**
- Subdivision and Development Appeal Board - 3 vacancies**
- Pride Valley Aggregate Oversight Steering Committee - 1 vacancy (3-year term)**
- Woodlands County Library Board - 1 vacancy (3-year term)**

Positions are held for a **two-year period from November 1, 2024, to October 31, 2026**, (unless otherwise stated).

Learn more about each committee and apply online at [woodlands.civicweb.net](http://woodlands.civicweb.net) or submit letters of interest and/or resume and experience to either of our municipal offices.

**Application Deadline:** Wednesday, October 16, 2024, 4:30pm

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**In-Person:**

Woodlands County  
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Regional Municipal Office, 61053A Highway 33, Fort Assiniboine, AB



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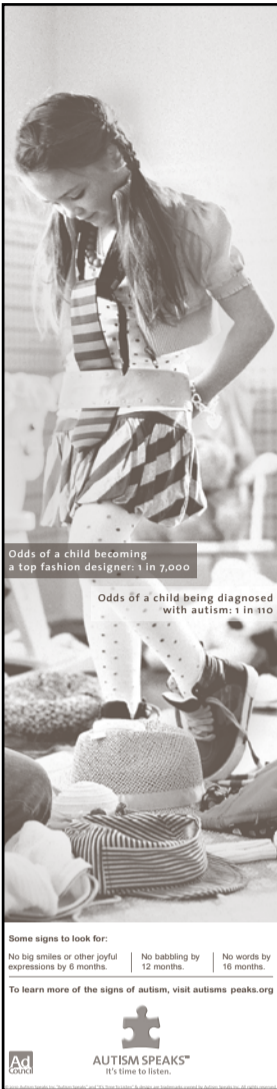
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**Fri., Sep. 27**  
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15°C  
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SW 12 km/h  
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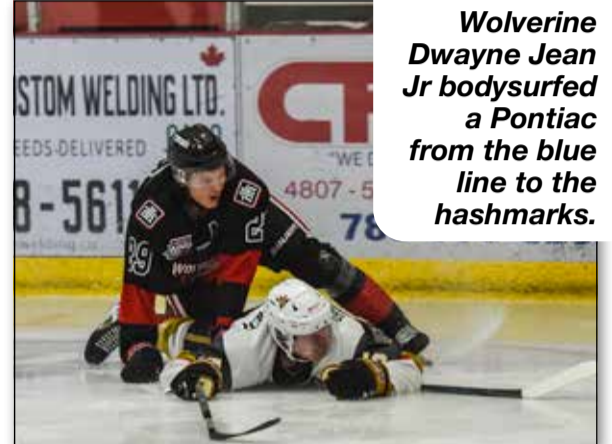


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# A hard-fought Friday night game between the Wolverines and Pontiacs gave fans lots to cheer for



Coming up the ice.



Wolverine Dwayne Jean Jr bodysurfed a Pontiac from the blue line to the hashmarks.

The locally-owned Whitecourt Wolverines played their second home game of the season on Friday last week. Their home opener on September 14 brought out over 840 fans to watch the action and over 500 on Friday.

By Serena Lapointe

The Whitecourt Wolverines welcomed the Bonnyville Pontiacs into the home barn for their second stint at home this regular season in front of just over 500 fans. The atmosphere in JDA Place was full of excitement as the Whitecourt faithful checked out the newest players added to the roster this week.

Ewan McPherson was announced early that morning on the

Wolverines' social media as having joined the team. Dylan Ruptash and veteran forward Ethan Short were officially announced as new Wolverines two and three days before the game. A glance at the current roster on the Wolverines website shows only a handful of returning players. With many new faces on the team this year, fans have new numbers to learn, new names to cheer for and new jerseys

to add to their collection to show off their new favourites.

Following the puck drop just after 7 pm, Whitecourt started strong. Only 45 seconds into the frame, second-year Wolverine Jalen Bianchet pocketed his first of the season, assisted by Tyler Rowland, his second. Less than five minutes later, fan favourite #71 Kaiden Wiltsie, playing in his fourth season with the team, launched

a beauty past the Pontiacs netminder, giving his team a 2-0 lead.

Things seemed to be going well for the Wolverines. But, the Pontiacs started to get more aggressive, and the intensity on the ice shifted from the Wolverines to the visitors. At 8:01 of the second, the Pontiacs scored their first of two goals. The second goal came a few minutes later, which

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**The kerfuffle at the end of the first period had a lot going on.**

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tied things up 2-2.

With seconds left, Wiltsie lined up for one final shot on the net. His stick connected with the puck as the whistle blew, and one Pontiac player, #8 Lynden Hanvold, didn't like what he perceived as a late shot at his goalie. He beelined over to Wiltsie at the blue line and gave him a big, unprovoked hit, which brought a mix of Wolverines over, followed by a mix of Pontiacs.

The kerfuffle got pretty heated with a lot of pushing, yelling, some punches and a couple of big tackles that brought players to the ice, including Edmonton-native #24 Ethan Short, who was flung down by Pontiac forward #2 Brent Hoshowski, who had already lost his helmet in the scuffle. It took several minutes for the ref and linesmen to break things up and send players where they needed to go. Once the dust settled, Lunden Hanvold, the instiga-

tor, and Wolverine Jack Pollock each sat for two for roughing.

In the second period, the chaos from the first was not forgotten, but both teams seemed to be more focused on winning than fighting. There were plenty of big hits and great saves at both ends as line after line attempted to break the tie. Just over three minutes in, the Pontiacs scored, taking the lead 3-2. Exactly one minute later, the Wolverines scored, tying it once again. The goal came thanks to new addition Dylan Ruptash, who played for the Spruce Grove Saints last year. It was his third goal of the season. The Edmonton-born player leads the team in points with four.

Fifty seconds after Ruptash's goal, the Pontiacs again took the lead back, giving both the fans and announcers whiplash. The game was now 4-3. Once the Pontiacs took the lead this time, they did not let it go. Four minutes later, at 10:08 of the second, they scored

again, making it 5-3. Less than a minute later, the Wolverines responded, scoring to make it 5-4. Bonnyville scored once more to round out the period, heading into the third with a 6-4 lead.

In the final frame of the night, try as they might, the Wolverines could not break through the Bonnyville netminder. The teams traded penalties, one for hooking (Pontiacs) and one for slashing (Wolverines), but it was the Pontiacs that managed to score the game's final goal and hold onto the lead, taking the win 7-4.

The next time fans can catch their team in action at home at JDA Place will be a doubleheader on Friday, October 4, against the Drumheller Dragons and Saturday, October 5, against the Canmore Eagles. Fans can also catch their first glimpse of the newest AJHL franchise, the Devon Xtreme, when they arrive in Whitecourt on Wednesday, October 9. Pack the barn, Whitecourt!

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