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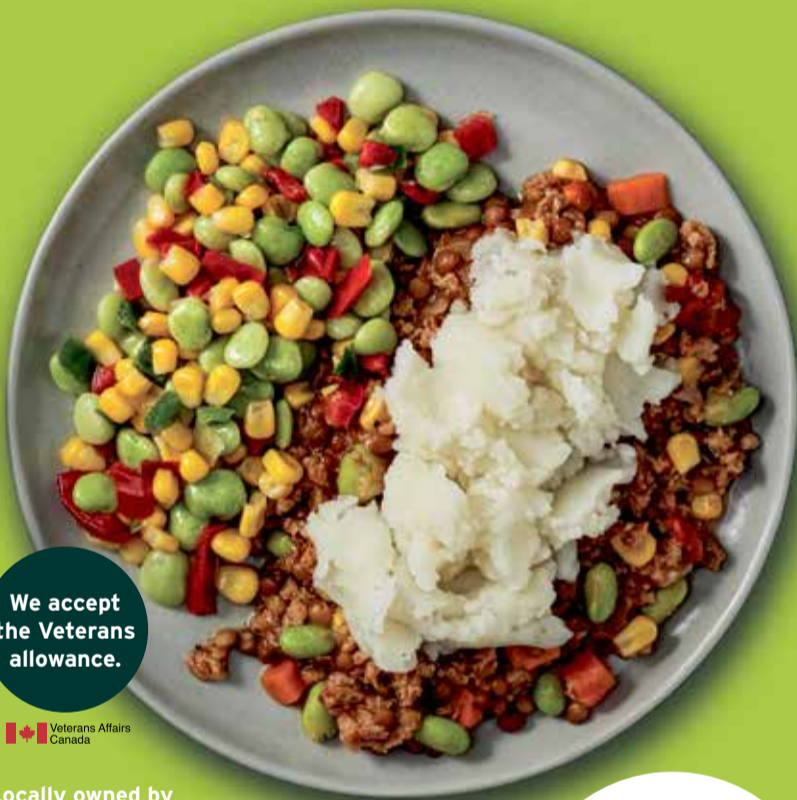
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## Lions Club dollars continue to play an impactful role in the community



The Whitecourt Lions Club has been an impactful community supporter for decades. Dollars raised through the group's campground, located by the Forest Interpretive Centre, have helped support numerous groups and non-profit organizations. See story page 2

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# Lions Club dollars continue to play an impactful role in the community



By Serena Lapointe

The Whitecourt Lions Club has proudly operated the Whitecourt Lions Campground for years and uses the money it makes to support regional, non-profit organizations and clubs. The club has donated to the Whitecourt Food Bank, the Whitecourt Christmas Hamper, KidSport Whitecourt, the Whitecourt & District Agricultural Society, Whitecourt Teen Centre, Wellspring Family Resource & Crisis Centre, Com-

munity Lunch Box Society, Girl Guides, BGC, Tennille's Hope Soup Kitchen, and the Whitecourt Cancer & Wellness Society, to name a few. They have also helped support fire and flood victims. The dollars raised from summers of fun-filled camping have gone a long way to support the community, including some tidbits from the time capsule that many will remember but some may not know. In the late 1950s, when A.J. Millar was the Chief of the White-

court Fire Department, the Whitecourt Lion's Club helped raise funds to build the community's fire hall, which still stands on the original site.

Volunteers that make up the board of the Whitecourt Lions Club are entrenched in the community and like to put dollars towards things that have an impact. One of the non-profits that the Lion's Club helps regularly is the 721 Hawk Squadron Whitecourt Air Cadets. Each year, the club donates dollars

towards the program.

On Wednesday last week, Bob Bell, long time member of the Whitecourt Lion's Club (28 years) and second vice president, happily handed over this year's \$10,000 cheque. "We love seeing what this program does for the kids. That's why we want to keep supporting it. It helps the kids be better in life and meet new people and do different things like camping, range, and volunteering," said Bell.

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“They get to learn lots of stuff, and it has helped a lot of kids. We have been supporting them for many years. I’m not sure how long. It’s been a long time,” he added. Bell’s son was one of the youths supported through the cadet program, having aged out several years ago. “When he started, he was shy and wouldn’t talk. Once he went to camp for the first time, he returned as a completely different person. The Commanding Officer asked where my son went because he came back talking and wasn’t shy. He was taking charge. Mark was a new person. He went to camp for two more years and became a Warrant Officer First Class. He went all the way to the top rank,” explained Bell.

Seeing the changes in his son showed Bell how important it was to keep the air cadets program going. “Helping them keeps the program going and keeps the lights on. Without support, they wouldn’t be going.” Bell contin-

ues volunteering with the 721 Hawks even though his son has been out of the program for several years. “I plan on doing it for years yet,” he said.

Captain Mitchell Krasey, pictured, was pleased to accept the cheque alongside parent-committee chair Jay Thebeau (SSC) and Warrant Officer Second Class Lapointe. “The Department of National Defense does a lot for us, like providing wages for the staff and basic supports like uniforms and some equipment, but there are things they don’t supply. Thanks to local sponsors like the Lions Club, we can add the extra things we need for a more exciting and vibrant program. Instead of giving the cadets the basic, plain-Jane meal, we get the extra value meal with the support from the Lions Club,” explained Krasey.

He said that dollars from the community make the program extra fun and allow the squadron to partake in things they might not get otherwise, including weekend camping

trips, sports days, and regional get-togethers with other squadrons. “We just had a gliding weekend at the start of October where the whole squadron went up to Grande Prairie, and each cadet got two glider flights each. That was a unique thing. I think of all the cadets we brought, only two or three of the cadets had actually glided before. It was an exciting program and was enjoyed by all.” Bell said knowing the kids are getting experiences like that is all the more reason to keep supporting the Hawks. “I greatly respect all the cadets and the leaders that help them work hard.

We love seeing them improve all the time. I see it more than the other members because I come down here to watch. I really enjoy watching them work. It’s tremendous. Some go on into the service, and others go on to great careers because of it.”

Cadets volunteer each spring to help clean up the Lions Campground and prepare it for the camping season. The



group places picnic tables on the sites, picks up branches, sweeps out sites, and stacks firewood. Volunteerism is a significant part of the cadet program, which is another reason it aligns with the Lions Club.

“People who camp there are supporting the community with their dollars. We get people from the States

that stay every year because they want to support the club because they know what we do. We have workers who camp there, too,” said Bell. He added that the club is adding to the campground this year.

Lions Club International has nearly 1.5 million members in 49,000 clubs. Bell said the local club is always seeking more commu-

nity-minded residents to join. “Right now, we have about twelve members. We would like to have more. Age isn’t an issue. We do other projects around town, too, and we’ve never turned anyone down.” Clubs and non-profit organizations seeking support are encouraged to contact the Lions Club.



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Another cute four-legged trick or treat.



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Everyone was a kid on Saturday!



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Mike and Rebecca from No Frills as Red Riding Hood and the Big Bad Wolf.

Two officers of the festive law.

The Whitecourt & District Chamber of Commerce held its annual Trunk or Treat on Saturday afternoon. The core of downtown Whitecourt was absolutely packed with people over the three-hour event and didn't slow down until the very end. When things opened at noon, the line to get in extended from kitty-corner to the library, past the four-way stop at the Sagitawah Brewing Company and around the corner as hundreds of residents arrived for some festive fun. Twenty-eight businesses and organizations decorated their trunks, from cars to vans to trucks and even a transport, and set up shop along 49 Street (in front of the Midtown Mall) and 51 Avenue (to Whitecourt Stationary). The official attendance numbers won't be known until after this paper prints, but if the never-ending lineup was any gauge, it sure looked like several thousand attendees took in this year's free event.

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# Woodlands County Council meeting review

At its annual organizational meeting, Council appointed Councillor Dave Kusch as Reeve for a one-year term. In addition, Councillors were appointed to serve as members of various boards and committees which can be found on the Woodlands County CivicWeb Portal.

Council was updated on the condition of the cold mix, hot

mix, oiled and gravel roads as well as ditching for various roads in Woodlands County. McElhanney was contracted to inspect 65 km of oiled and cold mix roads in April 2024. After reviewing the data collected, cost estimates and rehabilitation options were included in a report based on the conditions of the road. County staff

also reviewed data gathered on gravel roads and road ditching in preparation of the 2025 budget. A Condition Improvement program was developed and will be used to guide upcoming budget deliberations and future budgets.

Council adopted the Levels of Service Report and will incorporate it as part of the

annual Strategic Plan Review. The report inventories the services provided by each department and outlines recommendations for the growth of the organization to meet the service levels expected by Woodlands County residents. The next Strategic Plan review will take place after the 2025 election with the new Council.

Council scheduled

special meetings for 2025 budget discussions:

- Monday, November 25, 9:30 am
- Wednesday, December 4, 2:00 pm
- Thursday, December 5, 5:00 pm
- Tuesday, December 10, 5:00 pm

**Upcoming scheduled meetings:**

- Regular Council – Wednesday, November 20, 9:30 am

• Regular Council – Wednesday, December 4, 5:00 pm

• Regular Council – Wednesday, December 18, 9:30 am

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.



Cats win!

The Whitecourt Cats have been scoring a lot of W's lately. On Friday last week, they welcomed the Valleyview Cougars to town for a skirmish at Graham Acres in front of the hometown crowd. The game started well for the Cats as the group battled their way onto the scoreboard early, taking a 7-0 lead by the end of the first quarter. Not wanting to be taken down too easily, the Cougars fought back hard and gave the Cats a run for their money. The score tightened up, but the Cats managed to hang out and steal a nailbiter, 10-8. With the win, the Cats now move into the Peace League final against the Peace River Pioneers, which will take place this week. The Cats have also secured themselves a spot in ASAA 9-man football. Go Cats!



Touchdown!



Cats being cats.



A pile up.

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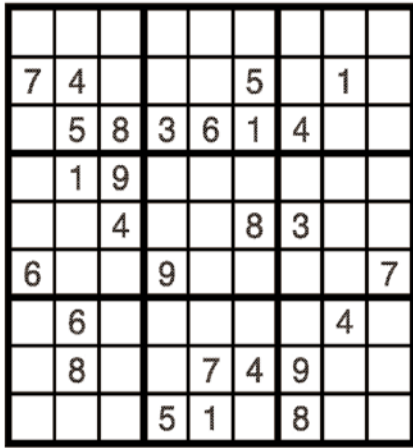


# PUZZLES

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## Crossword Clues

### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Spumante (Italian wine)
- 5. Highly impressed
- 11. Pronoun to identify something specific
- 12. Uttered in an impassioned way
- 16. Outfits
- 17. "Westworld" actor Harris
- 18. Stewed game casserole
- 19. Indignities inflicted on others
- 24. Blood type
- 25. Says beneath one's breath
- 26. Taxis
- 27. Transmits genetic information from DNA to the cytoplasm
- 28. NFL great Randy
- 29. Where college students live
- 30. Brief Yankees sensation Kevin

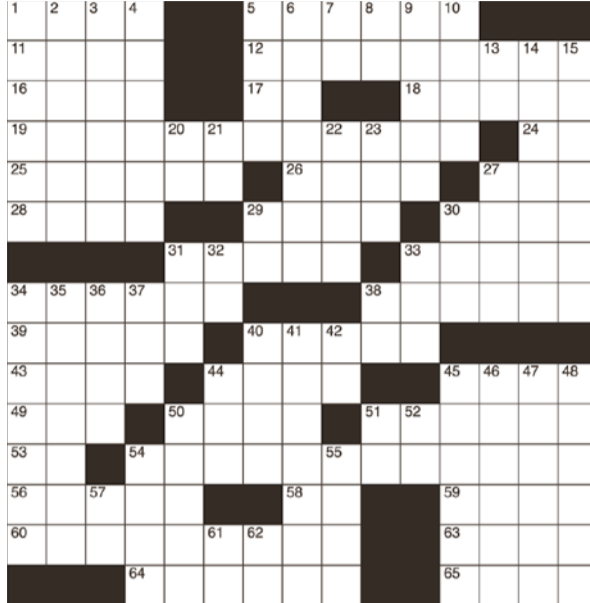
- 31. Condiment
- 33. -frutti
- 34. Polish city
- 38. Astronomy unit of distance
- 39. Romanian village
- 40. Bears first overall pick Williams
- 43. Irritated
- 44. Clothing for sale has them
- 45. One-time world power
- 49. When you anticipate arriving
- 50. Farm building
- 51. Organize thoughtfully
- 53. Detective
- 54. One who reduces
- 56. Nursemaids
- 58. Partner to "Pa"
- 59. World's longest river
- 60. Commemorates
- 63. Compound
- 64. The Lannisters and Starks

### fought for one

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Open-roofed entrance
- 2. Japanese religion
- 3. Dancer's garments
- 4. Distributes
- 5. Yemeni port
- 6. Spanish doctors
- 7. It cools your house
- 8. Engine variant
- 9. Makes more manageable
- 10. Days (Spanish)
- 13. Milliliter
- 14. Spread out from
- 15. With two replaceable hydrogen atoms
- 20. Respectful title for a man
- 21. Equally
- 22. Scarlett's home
- 23. Big Blue
- 27. Subway dwellers
- 29. One-tenth of a liter
- 30. Central European river
- 31. Distress signal
- 32. Expression of sympathy
- 33. Bar bill

- 34. Football equipment
- 35. Dance music
- 36. Russian river
- 37. Mary \_\_, cosmetics
- 38. Gym class
- 40. Autos
- 41. Fourth and honorable name in ancient Rome
- 42. Defeats (abbr.)
- 44. A way to color
- 45. Planet
- 46. Form of humor
- 47. Taken without permission
- 48. Go over again
- 50. Auto parts manufacturer
- 51. Detective's source
- 52. Home of the Flyers
- 54. Short official note
- 55. Emit coherent radiation
- 57. In the year of Our Lord
- 61. Atomic #18
- 62. Not from, but...



## HOROSCOPE

### ARIES

(March 21 - April 20)



Your energy levels are soaring this week, Aries. Channel this vitality into a new project or personal goal. Be cautious of being too impulsive, and think things through before acting.

### TAURUS

(April 21 - May 21)



Embrace flexibility in your personal life, Taurus. Being open to change will lead to unexpected opportunities and strengthen your relationships. There are a few surprises ahead.

### GEMINI

(May 22 - June 21)



Communication is key for you this week, Gemini. You may find that your words carry extra weight and influence. Use this to your advantage at work and in your personal life.

### CANCER

(June 22 - July 22)



Cancer, focus on behind-the-scenes work around the office — it's not always about being in the spotlight that gets you ahead. All of your contributions are valuable.

### LEO

(July 23 - August 23)



Leo, embrace your natural charisma and confidence, but also remember to show appreciation for the people who support you. Balance is key in all social situations this week.

### VIRGO

(August 24 - September 22)



It is time to get organized, Virgo. Tackle any lingering tasks or projects that need your attention. Your meticulous attention to detail will serve you well as you bring order to things.

### LIBRA

(September 23 - October 23)



Libra, focus on finding harmony in your relationships this week. You might need to mediate conflicts or offer support to loved ones. Use your diplomatic skills to create balance.

### SCORPIO

(October 24 - November 22)



Trust your instincts when making decisions, especially those related to work or personal projects, Scorpio. Your intuition is pretty sharp this week, so use it to your advantage.

### SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)



Sagittarius, adventure is calling out to you. Whether it's a spontaneous trip or exploring a new hobby, embrace opportunities to expand your horizons.

### CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)



Capricorn, your dedication and hard work are likely to be recognized, leading to potential advancement or new opportunities. Just wait for all of the exciting things to come your way.

### AQUARIUS

(January 21 - February 18)



Use creative energy to explore new ideas or tackle creative projects, Aquarius. When you interact with others, you also may gain some fresh ideas to use to your advantage.

### PISCES

(February 19 - March 20)



Pisces, this week calls for reflection and healing. Take time to address any emotional needs and seek support if you want to talk to someone or simply need another be close to you.

## POPCORN WORD SEARCH



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

### WORDS

- BOWL
- BUTTER
- CARAMEL
- CARNIVAL
- COMBINATION
- CONCESSION
- ENJOY
- EXPLODE
- FAIR
- FIBER
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- KERNELS
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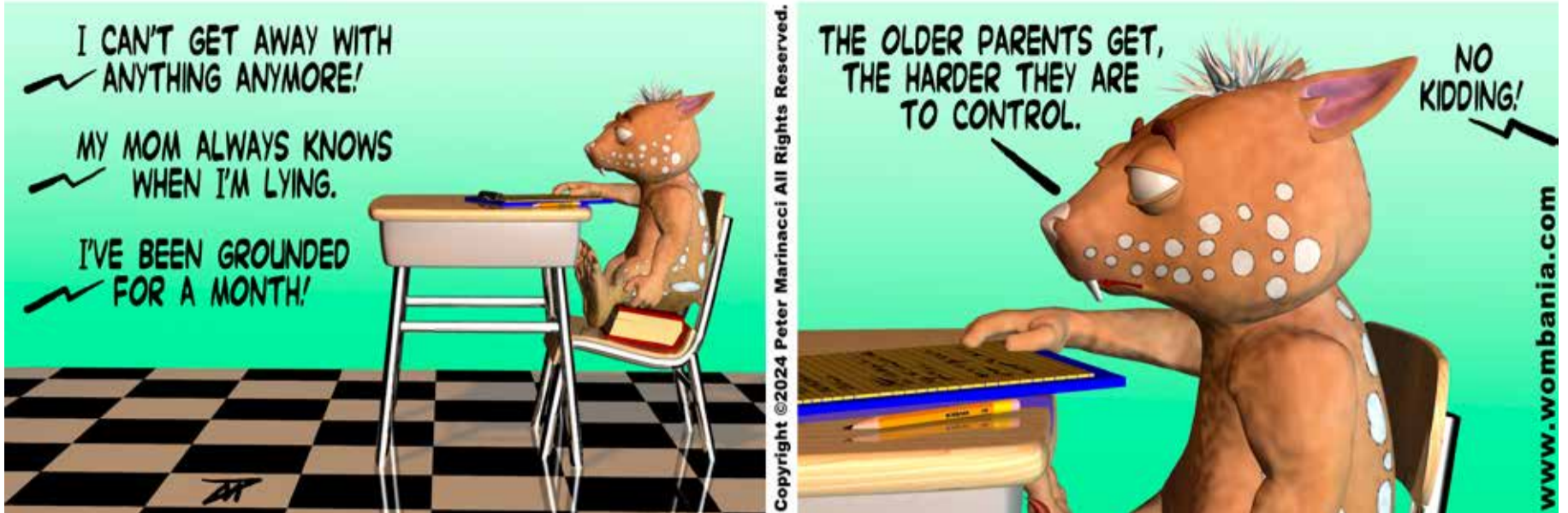
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# The Bank of Canada doesn't want to be behind the curve

By Mark Parsons ATB Economics

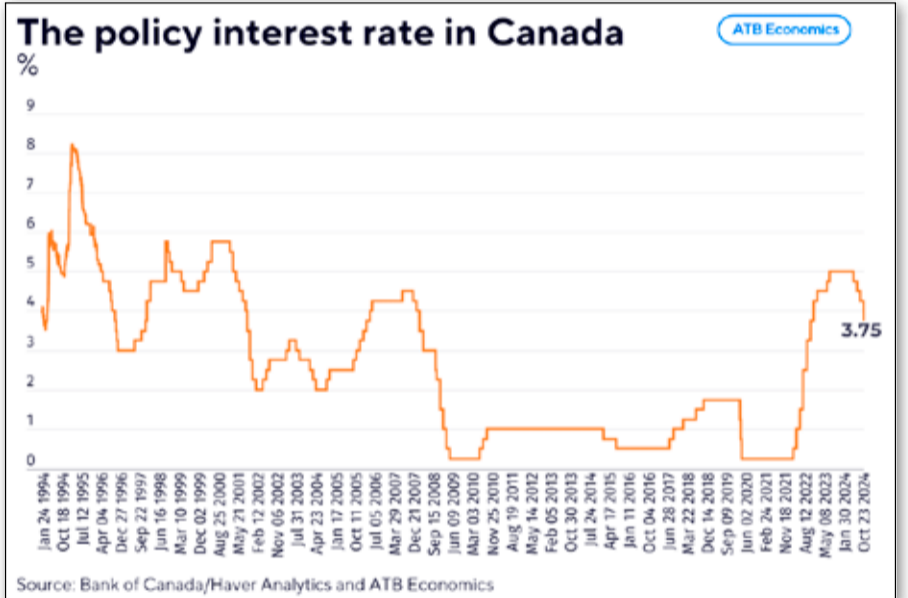
As we expected, the Bank of Canada slashed its policy interest rate by 50 basis points from 4.25% to 3.75% last week—the largest cut since the early stages of the pandemic and a rare ‘oversized’ move outside a recession period.

The jumbo cut comes because inflation has already fallen to target and such restrictive policy rates are no longer needed. Last month’s CPI report sealed the

50 basis point cut in our view. Headline inflation broke through the 2% target to land at only 1.6%. And now the Bank expects inflation to be lower than it was forecasting in July (see below).

Our take: The right call, and a key moment in the battle against inflation. Late out of the gate when inflation took off, the Bank of Canada doesn’t want to be behind the curve as inflation normalizes. It takes 18 to 24 months

for the impacts of policy rate changes to fully kick in, and speeding back to its neutral rate (estimated by the Bank to be 2.25-3.25%) will help prevent the economy from cooling too much. Even with this latest cut, policy will remain restrictive—more people are renewing loans at higher rates than before the rate hikes started. And if inflation flares up again, the Bank can simply hold longer at the current policy rate.



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# “Their success gives us success”

## Chamber president hopes area businesses feel appreciated through 2024 Business Awards

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President Louise Meier having a little fun with her gavel at last year's gala.



Whitecourt Transport won last year's Business Innovation Award.

By Serena Lapointe

The nomination period for this year's Whitecourt & District Chamber of Commerce 2024 Business Awards began late last week. For the next month, residents from Whitecourt, Woodlands County and the Town of Mayerthorpe can nominate businesses in one of thirteen categories. This year, non-Chamber companies can also be nominated and win in eleven categories, with two reserved solely

for Chamber members (Chamber Member of the Year and Legacy Business).

Last year's event brought out the community with 190 nominations received and over 1,200 votes cast. Chamber president Louise Meier hopes to see this year grow even more, with participation from all three communities under their district. “It was incredible. That says that this area supports their businesses,” she said. “Even just look-

ing at last year's ‘I'm Dreaming of a Whitecourt Christmas’, with between two and three million dollars of local spending. It's absolutely incredible. That's what keeps our community strong,” said Meier.

She said shining a light on local business owners says thank you. “It's our local people. Those who take the risk and put their own money into a business and start it up to provide something to the community. That's what

this is really about. It is identifying the people who have taken the risk and have had the success we want to see everybody have,” she explained. The nomination period will run from now until December 1 at 5 pm, followed by the voting period which, once started, will last until 11:59 pm on December 15. “We are looking for the citizens to recognize what they feel are some of our outstanding busi-

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### 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, November 20, 2024 at 5:00 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 p.m., November 13, 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. NW 6-59-10-W5M Lot 6 Block 1 Plan 082-9101	15-054-2024	Transport Contractor Business (Minor)

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nesses and to tell us why they feel that way," said Meier. Speaking to why they decided to allow non-chamber businesses to be nominated, Meier said it's an encouragement to join. "If they win, they are given a credit towards a Chamber membership. So, that is an encouragement to become a Chamber member too."

She said being a member isn't just about the "prestige of it" but that businesses have much to gain from doing it. "One of the biggest things is connecting with other businesses in the community and supporting each other. The networking events are golden for small businesses.

There are also things for small businesses who, for example, don't have a healthcare benefit plan because it's too expensive or they are too small. If you join the Chamber, you can hook up for that, and it's not as expensive as doing it on your own. There are lots of reasons to become a member."

This year's list of awards has grown from last year's ten, with three additional awards up for grabs. Returning award categories in-

cluded Small Business of the Year, Corporate/Franchise Business of the Year, Non-Profit of the Year, Emerging Business of the Year, Customer Service Award, Community Champion, Business Innovation, Business Employing Youth, and Legacy Business. Two awards saw a slight name change Staff Member of the Year is now Employee of the Year, and Best Place to Work is now the Employer Excellence Award. The two new awards for 2024 are Chamber Member of the Year and the Regional Community/Tourist Attraction Award.

"There are various sections and criteria people can read about and nominate one of the businesses in, or more than one. People can only win in one category, but they can be nominated in more than one," explained Meier. As anyone nominated can likely attest to, having their name put up for recognition means a lot, even if they don't win.

Meier said there aren't too many things that consumers can't find here and that it is about recognizing that. "What we have here is special. We appreciate



Louise (left) with last year's Corporate/Franchise winner, Mike & Rebecca's No Frills.

that people have taken the risk of starting a business and providing a service to the people in the community. That is what is so important to me. You are not going to get that anywhere else. It's an experience. We are celebrating what people have given to the population here."

Once the nomination period closes on December 1, residents will have two weeks to vote for the winners. Then, on Saturday,

January 25, the winners will be announced during the third annual President's Gala and Business Awards event. "We want to encourage people to nominate the businesses they feel are worthy and to vote for them. Last year was like the Academy Awards. The delight on people's faces holding their awards was priceless, and how they displayed them so proudly in their businesses. It was a real honour.

People see it as that," said Meier.

"Without those businesses, we would not exist. They are our reason for being, and whatever we can do to help them, we will. We value them that much, and this is one way that we can demonstrate that. We want them to know that we are proud of them and will do whatever we can to make them as successful as possible," added Meier.

Businesses can be

nominated in multiple categories but can only win one award yearly. The Business Award Committee will tabulate winners based on several metrics, including the highest percentage of votes and widest margin of votes. Businesses can win an award every year but cannot win the same award back-to-back. To nominate a business, visit [www.surveymonkey.com/r/2SSPG28](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2SSPG28) or check out the Chamber's Facebook page.

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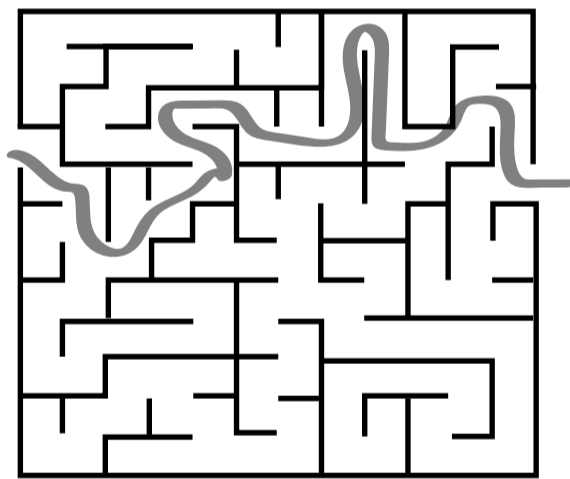
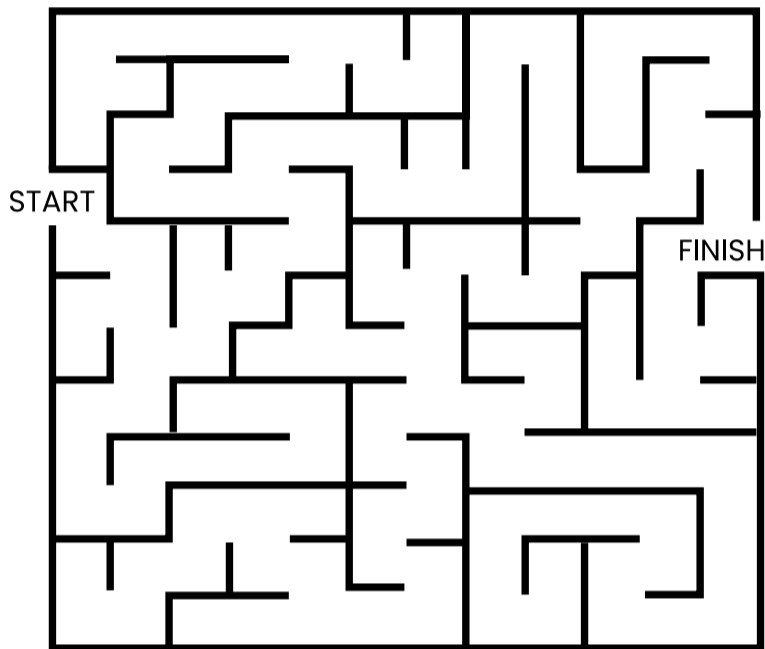


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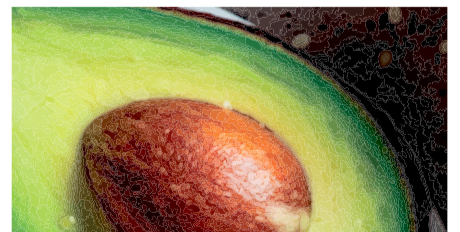


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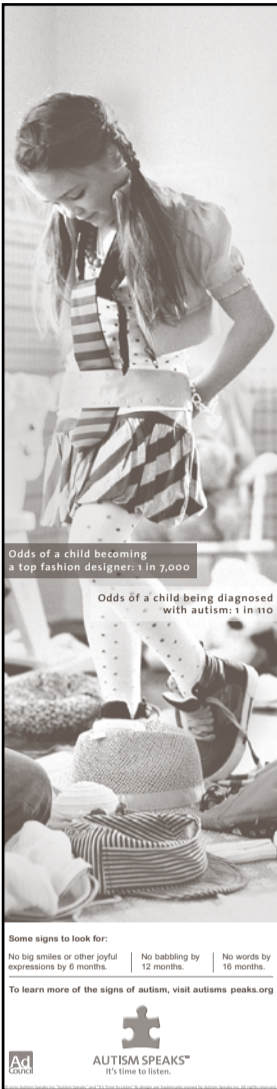
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**Thu., Oct. 31**  
Cloudy  
30%  
1°C  
-2°C  
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**Fri., Nov. 1**  
Chance of flurries  
40%  
1°C  
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W 10 km/h  
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**Sat., Nov. 2**  
Mainly sunny  
10%  
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-1°C  
SW 5 km/h  
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**Sun., Nov. 3**  
Mix of sun and clouds  
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# Grade 2 Students Celebrate National Take Me Outside Day



In celebration of National Take Me Outside Day, Grade 2 students at Pat Hardy School enjoyed a series of outdoor activities. The day kicked off with students reading to a friend outside, followed by a peaceful nature walk. To wrap up the experience, the students expressed their creativity by crafting beautiful nature mandalas using natural materials they collected. The event was a wonderful way to connect with nature while learning in the great outdoors. #TakeMeOutsideDay

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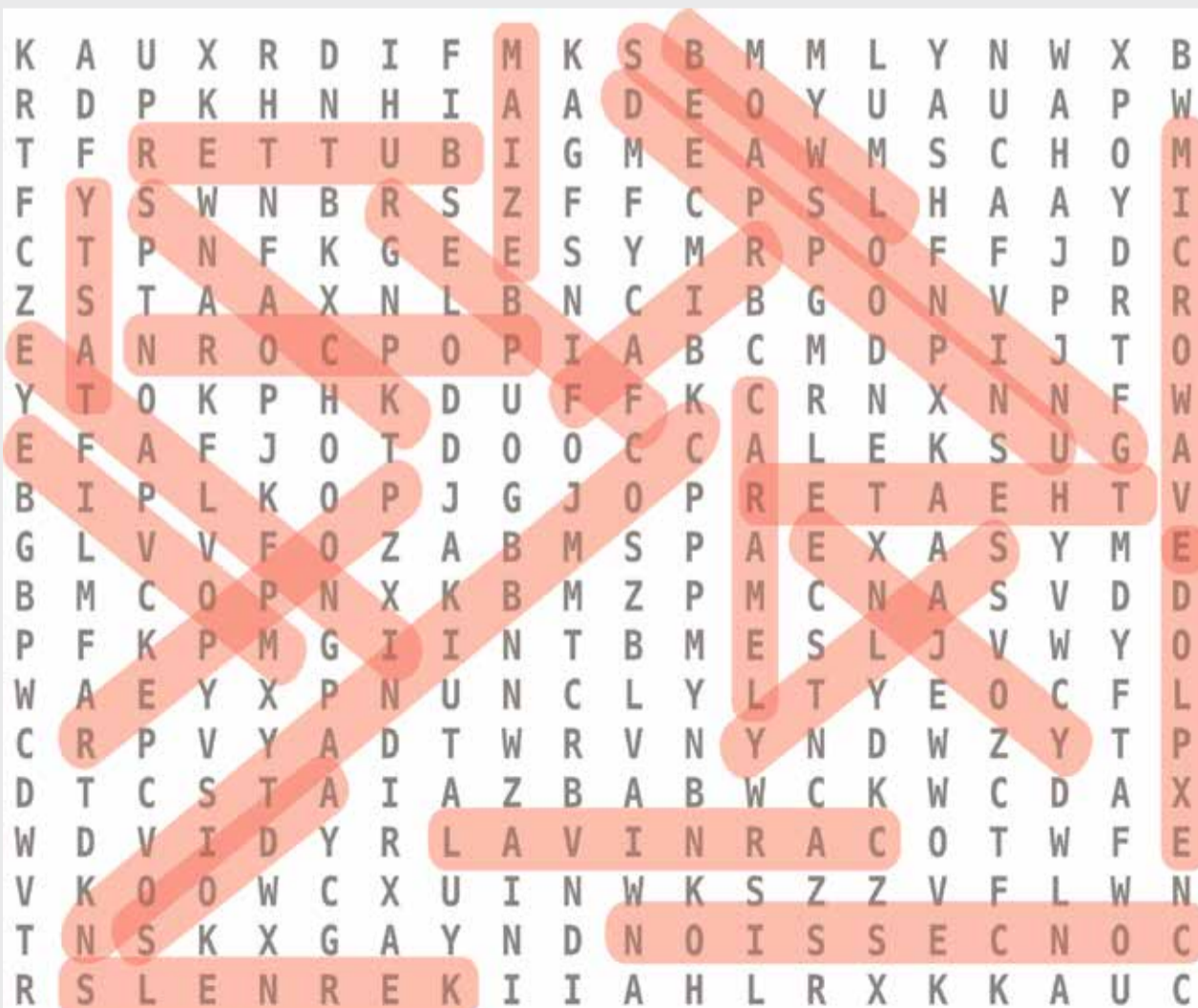
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