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The Whitecourt Woodlands Winter Rec Park Society, which runs Eastlink Park, recently provided the Woodlands County Council with a status update on operations. They also gave a sneak peek into this coming season, including a new and very intriguing development. Pictured are Two youngsters, Dion and Dylan, enjoying the park last season. See the story page 2.



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Off for a ski.

By Serena Lapointe

This year marks the ninth operational year for the Whitecourt Woodlands Winter Rec Park Society (WWWRPS), which runs Eastlink Park. During a recent Woodlands County Council meeting, two members of the WWWRPS presented how the last year went and provided context on what it is like to run the hill.

Woodlands County contributes to the hill, providing \$25,000 each year as part of a sponsorship agreement they signed with the society in March 2021. Next year, both parties will discuss a new contract to start the following year.

Society chair Dale Rock joined member Dawn Garrett for the presentation. They began by speaking about last year and the funky weather that wreaked havoc for ski hills province wide.

"Thankfully, last year, we were probably one of the best ski hills in Alberta because we got really lucky with how the weather fell and how much snow we made. A lot of the hills were not able to open. They could not get snow because the weather was too warm. We did well that way," he explained.

One of the most successful ventures last year was business sponsorship nights. "We have done them

in the past, one or two a year, but last year we expanded and had a lot of interest from the business community." Rock explained that sponsorship nights let people enjoy the hill for free.

"(Businesses) sponsor the hill, and they can do skiing and tubing or just tubing, and usually we bring in hot dogs and hot chocolate. It's a way to get people that aren't normally able to afford or aren't able to come to the hill, to get them out and get them to experience it."

Those without equipment who wanted to ski for free could rent equipment from the chalet. "One night, we did \$3,000 in just rentals. It was very, very successful, and you couldn't park anywhere near there. It was awesome," he explained. "It's something we are very proud of, and we thank our business community greatly. They stepped up in a big way."

With other ski hills unable to produce snow, Whitecourt's Eastlink Park got attention. "We get people from Sherwood Park, Slave Lake, Swan Hills. They skip the little city hills and come to us, and we are the same size on a map, 40 acres, as Rabbit Hill. We are the same size as Sunridge in the city where you have to wait for a longer lineup or prebook to get in, so they come to us," ex-

plained Garrett.

She added that lots of the season pass holders are Woodlands County residents. "Goose Lake, Fort Assiniboine. We have six vehicles from Fort Assiniboine that come as a family together every weekend, and they love it. We are just trying to keep it so they can bring their kids out there. We're trying to make it the go-to place," she said.

This year, one of the new features at the park will be a payment system that allows people to pay for a visit over a few installments. More details will come as the season approaches, but Garrett hopes it helps. "We're hoping maybe that will make it more affordable for families as it's not a big lump sum."

Fees at the ski hill are not increasing this year, even though costs have. Garrett said this is the third year with the current pricing model. Rock explained that maintaining the affordability of their service is important. "We're very thankful that we have the business sponsorships that we do, but even more important is the municipal sponsorships, the Town of Whitecourt, Woodlands County. Without that, I don't know if we would be open because our prices would have to be high enough to cover the other costs."

One of the largest in-

creases they've faced is due to a change in insurance. Rock said a judgment against a Canadian ski hill affected a lot of other ski hills and how they pay for liability insurance. "Our insurance provider dropped us on our liability insurance. They dropped everybody that they were insuring. They no longer wanted to cover liability insurance. That came back to us. Instead of \$7,000 a year, it was \$17,000 a year."

Add in increased costs for everything else over the last four years, and running the hill can often be a challenge. One example is that running the carpet lift for one hour is about \$400. "We have to be choosy on when we operate because we have to make the best use of the funds that we have. I would love to be open seven days a week, but

we could never afford that. We've had a couple of seventeen, eighteen-thousand-dollar power bills and it hurts."

Challenges or not, the WWWRPS is very excited about this coming season. "We have lots of activities planned and lots of booking requests around school groups. That's probably one of our strengths, is our ability to entertain the local area," said Rock. He said the hill is more manageable for those learning to ski. "Our email is filling up with requests, so we anticipate being oversubscribed again," he said.

A new and exciting addition this year is an alpine ski team. A family from the Cold Lake region, who relocated to Whitecourt, brought along their knowledge and connection to the provincial alpine ski community. "He's the

president, and she's the secretary/treasurer for a club. They are both high-level instructors for racing. They can teach our kids' stuff to a level we've never had before. They've expressed great interest and have come to our board meetings. We're going to develop starting grids so they can simulate starts and slaloms," said Rock, with a big smile.

"You know, you think that Whitecourt's not a very big hill, but it's what most of these competitions are on. You don't have to go to Jasper for competitions. They hold these competitions on hills just like ours all the time. We are very excited about that. It will be two days a week, and we're getting quite a bit of interest." Rock invited Woodlands County Council members to receive a tour of the facility.



Dawn Garrett (left) and Dale Rock.



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Information regarding this application may be obtained by inquiring at the address noted.


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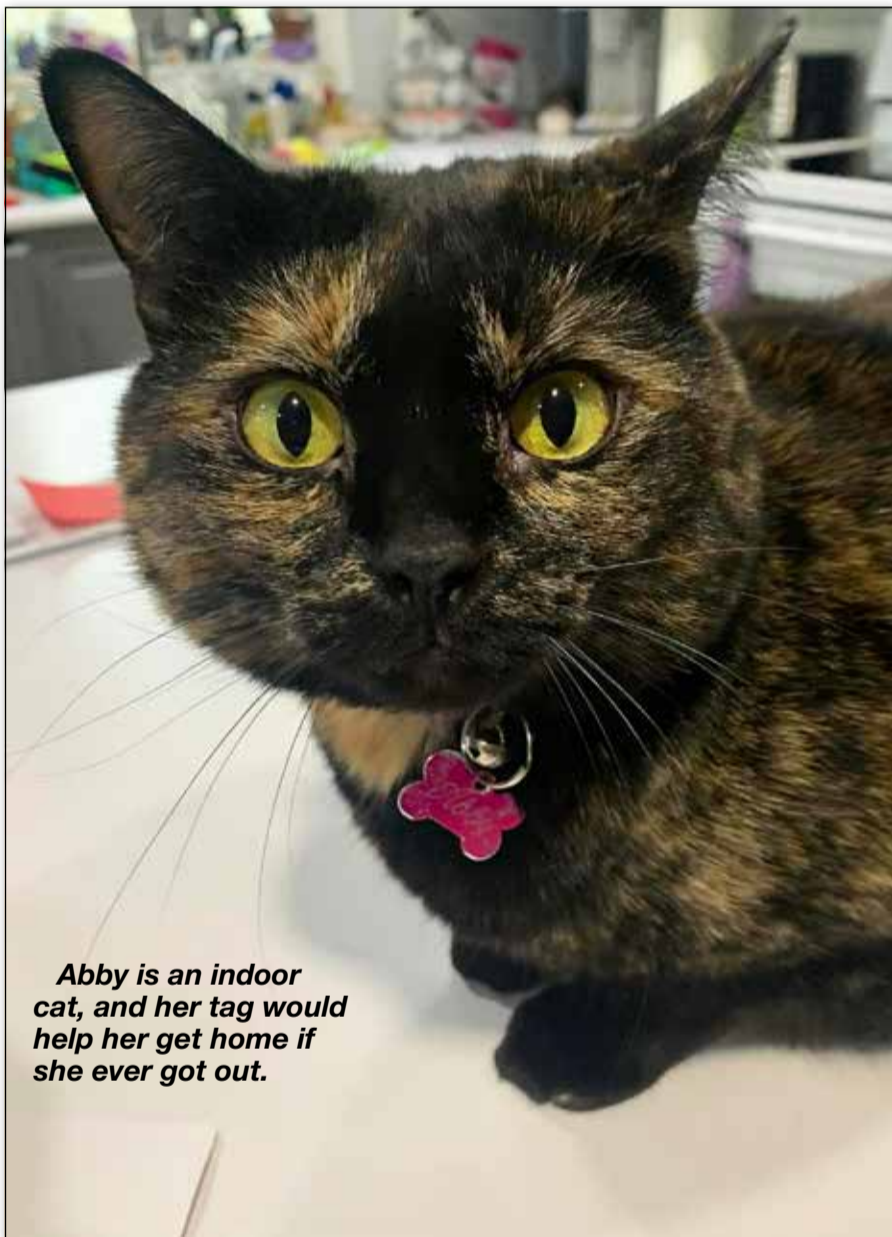
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Yearly dog licenses are a thing of the past for Whitecourt, but cats and dogs need I.D



Abby is an indoor cat, and her tag would help her get home if she ever got out.



Daisy looks pretty happy to be showing off her purple tag

Pet owners in Whitecourt have some new rules to learn thanks to an upgrade to the pet-related bylaws in town. Five bylaws were condensed into one encompassing document and included several big changes.

By Serena Lapointe

Until recently, Whitecourt had five active bylaws regarding the regulation and control of animals. Three for control of domestic animals, one for dangerous dogs, and one for control and licensing. Residents needing bylaw information concerning a pet issue had a bit of a process to get the answers they needed, but not anymore.

Whitecourt Town Council recently approved consolidating the five bylaws into one, creating a new document, Bylaw

1580 – Responsible Pet Ownership. The information received an update with several key changes. Two of the most significant changes owners need to know are that dog licensing is no longer required, and cats are no longer off the hook.

Before these changes, dog owners had to purchase a license at the town office each year, \$30 for a non-fixed animal and \$15 for a fixed one. Now, residents with dogs and cats need tags on their animals instead and can purchase them where

they wish, with no licensing required. The tags can be metal, plastic and any shape. The minimum requirement of information needed on the tag is a phone number. “It’s easier to reunite an animal with the owner, without sometimes involving the pound or even our officers to reunite those pets. It would streamline the process,” explained Lee Hardman, Director of Community Safety.

Another significant change was how the Town of Whitecourt deals with “dangerous

dogs.”

Before, dogs labelled dangerous were not allowed in town. If a dog did something that labelled it dangerous, it had to leave the community or be destroyed. The owners also couldn’t appeal the decision or try to explain what happened because the bylaw didn’t have any wiggle room.

Now that Bylaw 1580 has passed, things are a bit different. Pet owners now have an appeal mechanism to use if they disagree with an order. Bylaw officers still have the

power to remove a dog from the municipality if they deem it dangerous, but the owners could appeal it, putting the final decision in the town council’s hands.

Councillor Derek Schlosser explained why he appreciated the changes during a recent Policies and Priorities Committee meeting. “If I’m walking my dog and he’s on a prong collar and this dog comes running out of a neighbourhood house, runs across the street to come at my dog, and he’s all friendly and stuff, but my dog

doesn’t know that and snarls and takes a bite at him, my dog would have been put down,” illustrated Schlosser, using the old bylaw rules.

“The problem with dogs is that as soon as you have a dog on a leash, he’s tethered, and he’s going to try and protect himself because he doesn’t know what’s going on. I like this better.”

Schlosser added that the ability to appeal a decision is a good thing. “There are a

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million scenarios of why dogs do things or don't. I think it's a good change to the bylaw."

Rules for dogs deemed dangerous are strict, requiring muzzling when outside unless they are fully enclosed. "Once it's dangerous, then it's muzzled in the yard. Fully enclosed pen, roof, all sides, enclosed. That's the only way that it's not muzzled in the backyard. It's very strict," said

Hardman. Other rules for owners with dogs deemed dangerous include signage on their property. If the dog is off the property, it must be muzzled at all times, on a leash no longer than two metres and under the control of someone over 18.

A Bylaw Officer can deem a dog to be dangerous if it shows a "propensity, disposition

or potential to attack or injure humans or other animals without provocation, attacks, bites or injures any human or animal without provocation, (or) represents a continuing threat of serious harm to humans or other animals," reads the bylaw. The distinction is not based on dog breeds but on specific behaviours. "Through an investigation, we would have to prove why we would deem it dangerous based on that definition. It wouldn't happen based on a breed or anything like that," explained Hardman.

Another addition to the new bylaw was the addition of the spray park and river slides at Festival Park as prohibited areas for animals, meaning these areas are off-limits. Also, residents with nuisance cats hanging around their yard can rent a trap for up to five days, between April 1 and

September 30, for \$30.

Prohibited animals in the Town of Whitecourt include livestock such as bees, poisonous snakes/reptiles/insects, and pigeons and poultry. Livestock means "any animal that has been domesticated for agricultural use and for resale or kept as pets," and includes horses, cows, pigs, goats and chickens.

The bylaw also states that residents can have no more than two dogs and two cats unless the animals are under six months old, or the residents have a valid Development Permit to operate a small breeding business. Animals brought to the pound will have a fee of \$30 per day to cover feeding, water, and the cleaning of kennels.

To read the new bylaw, visit www.whitecourt.ca and search for Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw 1580.

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- "60 Minutes" network
- Train line
- Go quickly
- Straightforward
- Canadian province
- At any rate (abbr.)
- Genealogy
- Make changes
- Utter repeatedly
- In a way, turned up
- Type of ship
- Agents of one's downfall
- Not out
- Something to scratch
- Round water pot
- Refreshing green fruit (slang)
- Promotions

- Primordial matters
- One-time world power (abbr.)
- Source of illumination
- The content of cognition
- An Arab ruler
- South Dakota
- Gnawed at with teeth
- Hawaiian island
- Smaller
- Of a single person
- Rigid bracelet
- Barbary sheep (Fr.)
- Not even
- Specific gravity
- Engage in petty bargaining
- Boxing's "GOAT"
- Split between

parties

CLUES DOWN

- A place to lounge
- Skewed views
- Peacefully
- Commercial
- Auxiliary forces
- Large mollusk
- Take out again
- Sharp and forthright
- Knight (chess)
- Source of fiber
- Flesh covering some birds' beaks
- Energy
- Night monkeys
- genus
- Small, sharp nails
- Pleasant-smelling liquid
- Affirms one's hold
- CNN's founder
- Texans can't forget it

32. "Oppenheimer" actor Matt

- Expression
- Vessel
- Lacking poetic beauty
- Tall, swift and slender dog
- Sports personality Michelle
- Robber
- Liquefied natural gas
- Snakelike fishes
- The most worthless part of something
- City in Crimea
- Bad grades
- Reichsmark

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(March 21 - April 20)



You'll feel a strong urge to take initiative, especially in areas related to your career or personal projects, Aries. However, be careful to avoid overextending yourself.

TAURUS

(April 21 - May 21)



Taurus, you might find yourself evaluating your spending habits or considering new ways to increase your income. It's a good time for financial planning and budgeting.

GEMINI

(May 22 - June 21)



Gemini, be open to new information and perspectives, as they could lead to valuable insights. Social interactions may be particularly rewarding, so make time for friends.

CANCER

(June 22 - July 22)



You may find yourself reevaluating your work-life balance, Cancer. It's a good time to establish healthy habits and set realistic goals for self-improvement.

LEO

(July 23 - August 23)



Romantic relationships may experience a boost this week, so it's a great time for connection and fun, Leo. Just be mindful of avoiding overindulgence and don't stray from your principles.

VIRGO

(August 24 - September 22)



Virgo, it's a good week for practical projects that enhance your daily life. Think about what you can change around the house to be more efficient with your actions and time.

LIBRA

(September 23 - October 23)



Libra, engage in activities that stimulate your mind and encourage personal growth. Pick up a new skill or engage in thought-provoking conversations with loved ones.

SCORPIO

(October 24 - November 22)



Scorpio, explore your deeper values and how they align with your financial goals. Embrace this opportunity to make strategic decisions that will benefit you in the long run.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)



Personal goals and self-improvement are on your mind this week, Sagittarius. You may feel a surge of motivation to pursue your ambitions or start new projects.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)



Capricorn, set aside time this week to work on personal goals and address any unresolved issues. Quiet activities and solitude can provide valuable insights and inform your next steps.

AQUARIUS

(January 21 - February 18)



You may find yourself drawn to group activities or collaborative projects, Aquarius. It can be challenging to cede control, but you can learn from others as you go along.

PISCES

(February 19 - March 20)



Pisces, you might feel a stronger sense of responsibility in your work if you switch up your tasks. If you feel the work is getting stale, figure out what you can change.

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

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- ACCRUALS
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CAMPING SEASON IS WINDING DOWN....



Residents throughout Whitecourt are getting ready to winterize and store their Recreational Vehicles (RVs) for the season. The Town of Whitecourt reminds residents that Land Use Bylaw 1577 and Traffic Bylaw 1573 outline guidelines and regulations for the parking of RVs on residential properties and streets

Below are some frequently asked questions regarding RV parking.

What vehicles are considered RVs?

Motor homes, fifth wheel trailers, holiday trailers, and boats are all considered recreational vehicles under Land Use Bylaw 1577.

Where can residents park their RVs during the winter?

During the winter, RVs must be stored beside or behind the house. From November 1 to March 31, on residential properties, one recreational vehicle may be stored on site. No portion of the recreational vehicle may be located any further forward than the front of the home (minimum of 6.1m from the front property line).

Can residents park unattached trailers on a local street?

No, unattached trailers cannot be parked on town streets at any time. This includes (but is not limited to) tent trailers, travel trailers, fifth wheel trailers, boat trailers, utility trailers, campers not mounted on truck, etc.

Can an RV parked on a local street or on a private property be utilized for sleeping?

No, an RV parked on a local street or highway cannot be utilized for sleeping. RV's are not permitted to be occupied for temporary accommodations except within approved campground locations.

What are the fines for the improper parking of an RV and utility vehicle?

Fines can be issued according to Town Bylaws and Provincial Legislation.

- Parking RVs in prohibited areas - \$250 fine for first offence under Land Use Bylaw 1577. Subsequent fines will apply for non-compliance.
- Unattached Trailers - \$100 fine under Traffic Bylaw 1573
- Parked over 72 hours - up to a \$324 penalty, plus towing cost under the Traffic Safety Act

For more information, contact the Planning & Development Department at 780-778-2273 or visit www.whitecourt.ca.

NOTICE OF DECISION

The following decision was made by the Development Authority:

Application 24-099: 3747 - 39 Street Lot 6A, Block 6, Plan 762 0745 – Variance – Reduce the front parking, loading, and storage setback from 6.0m to 3.0m – Approved with Conditions.

Date of Decision: October 7, 2024

Appeal Closes at 4:00pm: October 28, 2024

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

ONLINE VEHICLE AUCTION

Current opportunities are posted on Michener Allen Auctioneering on behalf of the Town of Whitecourt:

- 2011 Ram 1500
- 2008 Chevrolet Silverado 1500
- 2008 Chevrolet Silverado 1500
- 2006 Chevrolet Silverado 1500

Bidding for the aforementioned units opens on October 24, 2024. For further details on this opportunity, visit our website www.whitecourt.ca.

How to help older Canadians become cyber safe

(NC) Today's seniors are increasingly spending more time in the digital world. They are also the frequent targets of scammers hoping to capitalize on their lack of experience with newer technology. If the seniors in your family are unsure about how to navigate online life, here are three ways you can help them become cyber safe.

Help them learn about common scams

There are many scams that specifically target seniors. One is even known as the "Grandparent scam." In this case, cyber criminals contact seniors by text, email or phone, posing as a grandchild in distress asking to send money urgently, often through gift cards. To prepare for this, many families



have selected personal passwords (like a code word) that only their loved ones know. This way everyone can verify that the person contacting them is really who they say they are.

In another common scam, cyber criminals will contact seniors pretending to be a bank representative, government employee or police officer with a convincing story. The goal is to steal their

personal and sensitive information. Banks, the government and the police would never use regular civilians in an official operation or ask you to verify sensitive information over a quick message, email or phone call.

Share password smarts

It's tempting to reuse passwords so that you can remember them. But if your login information is hacked

on one site, all of your other accounts with the same login information could also be at risk.

Create passwords with a combination of at least 12 characters with a mix of uppercase and lowercase letters, numbers and symbols. If seniors are worried about remembering these complex combinations, another option is to use a passphrase. This is a mix of four or more random

words strung together, and at least 15 characters long, that you can remember but would be very hard for someone else to guess.

Also, remind seniors that if they forget their passwords, they'll always have the option to reset them. Another option is to set them up with a password manager to remember all their passwords.

Encourage them to be tech-savvy

To protect banking and other sensitive information stored on our devices, each device should be secured with a unique password. Help them set up multi-factor authentication (MFA) on devices and accounts, which can be a biometric tool, like a fingerprint or facial recognition, or a verification pin sent to another source. MFA

offers an extra layer of security to protect their sensitive information as well as another login method in case one is compromised or forgotten.

Everyone should understand the importance of regularly installing software updates. These are often security related and are intended to close loopholes that scammers can use to access personal information. To avoid missing important updates and patches, set each device up to automatically update, when available.

Finally, remind them to turn off features on applications that they don't necessarily need like cameras, microphones, Bluetooth and location tracking.

Find more cyber safety tips at getcyber-safe.ca.

Getting into the spirit



The owners of this house on 47 Street have definitely gotten into the spirit of the season. Check out the front yard! From massive webs and spiders to pumpkins and colourful inflatables, including a choo-choo train, this is one festive spot to see. They've even continued the decorations into the backyard, viewable from the back alley.

RCMP ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Evansburg RCMP investigate fatal pedestrian hit and run on Highway 16

On Oct.15, 2024 at 9:50 p.m. Evansburg RCMP assisted by members of the May-erthorpe RCMP and the K-Division Col- lision Analyst team were dispatched to a report of a fatal pe- destrian hit and run on Highway 16. As a result of the inves- tigation, a portion of the highway remained closed for several hours, however, it has since reopened.

The investigation is ongoing. The remains of the deceased were transported to the Of- fice of the Chief Medical Examiner in Ed- monton and police are actively working on confirming the identity of the pedestrian. At

this time, RCMP are seeking any to speak with anyone who travelled on Highway 16 on Oct.15 2024, between the hours of 9:00 p.m. to 9:50 p.m., more specifically any- one who witnessed a pedestrian on the roadway west of Wild- wood, or who may have dashcam footage recorded during this time period.

If anyone has any information regarding this offence, please contact the Evansburg RCMP at 780-727- 4446. If you want to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800- 222-8477 (TIPS), on- line at www.P3Tips. com or by using the "P3 Tips" app avail- able through the Ap- ple App or Google Play Store.



SCHOOL NEWS

This fun project can now be marked complete!



Grade 4 students at Pat Hardy Elementary worked hard on the design and paint job on Ledor's snowplow. Students can now proudly look forward to seeing their hard work on display throughout the winter. It's a wonderful way to celebrate their creativity and bring a unique touch to the highways for everyone to enjoy.

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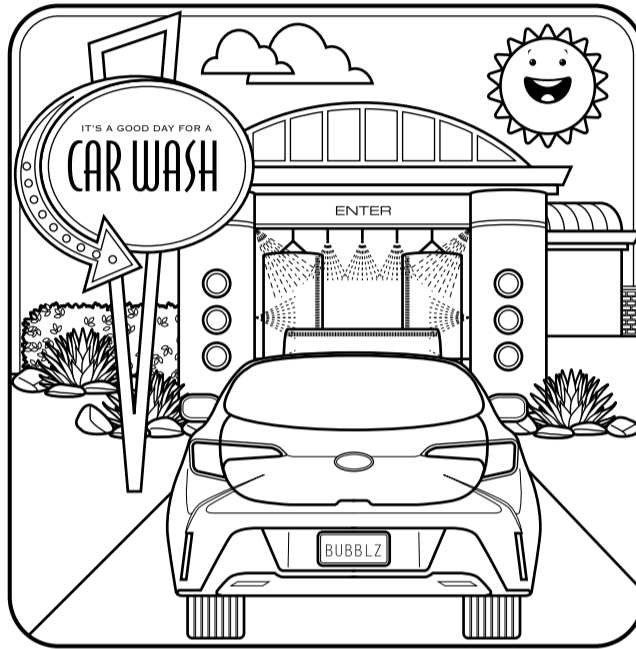
The Whitecourt Wolverines consistently make a positive difference in their community, especially through their involvement with local schools. By engaging with students, they inspire and motivate young people, providing them with strong role models to look up to. Their visits create unforgettable experiences, like their recent stop at Whitecourt Central School

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People FACT:



The average length of ownership for this object that transports people around is roughly 8 years.

Answer: Vehicle

Double Word Puzzle

Unscramble the words to reveal the sentence.

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Answer: Car service time

NEW WORD

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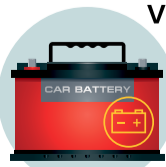
to empty a car system of fluid or pressure

How they say that in...

- English: Oil
- Spanish: Petróleo
- Italian: Petrolio
- French: Pétrole
- German: Öl

Did You Know?

The first job of the battery in a car or truck is to provide enough power to start the vehicle. It also powers electronic devices for a time when the engine isn't on.



Get the PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Tire tread



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 W 11 km/h



Thu., Oct. 24
 Mix of sun and clouds
 20%
 7°C
 -2°C
 SE 15 km/h



Fri., Oct. 25
 Chance of flurries
 40%
 3°C
 -2°C
 NW 15 km/h



Sat., Oct. 26
 Mainly sunny
 20%
 5°C
 -2°C
 SE 9 km/h
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Sun., Oct. 27
 Chance of flurries
 40%
 7°C
 0°C
 SE 13 km/h
 <1cm

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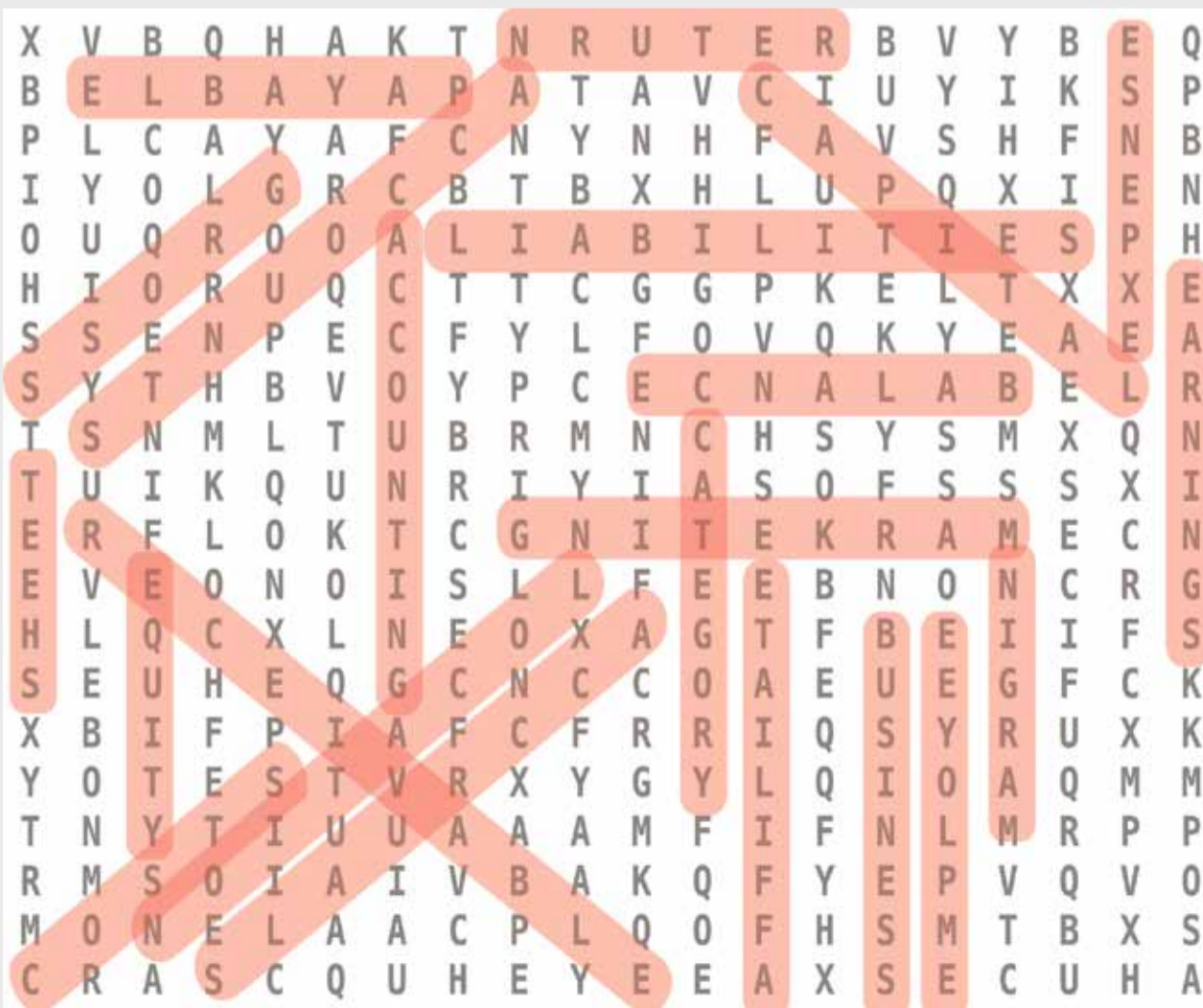
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