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Community boards and committees facing low volunteer turnouts lead to smaller groups taking on large projects or bypassing them altogether. Members are hoping to encourage more residents to help. See article page 2.



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Join the action: Local boards and committees seek new volunteers

By Serena Lapointe

Two community boards, the Communities in Bloom Committee and the Community Services Advisory Board, recently presented to the Whitecourt Town Council to provide updates on last year and share their strategic plans for 2025. Both boards had successful years but highlighted an important issue: a lack of volunteers.

One of the Communities in Bloom Committee's (CIB) initiatives returned over the summer and was very well received by homeowners. In the past, the "Love Your Yard" campaign featured nominations from CIB members for community yards they felt displayed a beatification effort, be it a small, well-kept flower bed or a full-decked out greenthumb-loved vard.

This year, the campaign allowed comstakeholders munity and the public to join the fun and nominate their fellow community members. "It was a neat development that started. People would go through our website or talk to me at the Millar Centre and let us know that they had a neighbour with a beautiful yard, and they wanted to recognize them," explained Kelly Sadoway, Manager of Recreation, Arts & Culture. She added that they received positive feedback on the program.

The Communities in Bloom provincial evaluators were back this year. The community was judged in August, as CIB and Council members toured the judges throughout Whitecourt and showed them what the municipality had to offer. The results still haven't been released due to a last-minute change. "The provincial awards for CIB were cancelled as not enough people attended, so we don't know how we did yet, but we're hopeful that we did great. It was a fun day getting to show off some stuff. We have a great community, so it was easy to brag," said Sadoway.

In cooperation with the Whitecourt and District Public Library, CIB held two composting workshops. "At those workshops, we distributed composters. We helped give people a head start in learning how to compost and then having the means to compost by having a composter.

It was pretty cool," explained Sadoway.

The group has plans for next year, including putting out way more Love Your Yard signs, continuing their partnership with the Whitecourt & District Heritage Society, and promoting composting and recycling at com-

munity events. However, they need more volunteers. "It's not a very big committee and, probably like lots of committees we talk to these days, volunteer numbers are an issue. We are limited to the projects we can do by how many people we have in our ranks," said Sadoway.

She said there are ideas of things they would like to do, but they need help to do them. Ann Blackwell, CIB member, joined Sadoway for the presentation and said the problem needs fixing.

"We do have a lot of problems with volunteers (numbers). It's a major problem right now.

Hopefully, we can find some more people who are interested."

Councillor Schlosser, who has sat on the committee in the past, asked if the volunteer issue was due to people not wanting to sit on the board. "Are more people hesitant to come to meetings and commit to that meeting thing? Or is it projects and an overwhelming number of things to do? We found a little bit of success when I was on CIB, when we had projects. If we had a small project, people would come out and do a work bee. They were happy doing that, but they didn't want to sit

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on a committee," he said.

Blackwell said that people wanting to do work, but not monthly meetings was a common theme.

"One of my friends said the same thing. They didn't want to sit in for a meeting. We did have a volunteer sheet written up, and we called ten or fifteen people, and they would say great, I'll be there, and no one would show up. It doesn't work as well anymore." To which Schlosser responded, "That's pretty frustrating."

The Community Services Advisory Board chair, Brigette Moore, presented next and echoed the same sentiments. "Community groups are always saying how there's a lack of volunteers.

People are too busy. I don't think it's a lack of wanting to, just a lack of their own resources and availability," explained Moore.

The Community Services Advisory Board (CSAB) is one of the busiest boards, with members helping with community-minded events and programs, including recommending changes/upgrades to Festival Park, the creation of events and programming, and helping dish out money to deserving groups. One of the most popular programs at the AJMC. Doors Open. expanded this year and saw an over 200 percent increase in youth attending it.

CSAB This year,

helped create the town's first Whitecourt Youth Week. "Even though it's one week, it's a start," said Moore. She added that events that feature food, like cooking, especially with seniors, remain popular programs. She credited town administration for "keeping their thumb on the pulse and seeing what people are wanting."

Moore explained that aside from the lack of volunteers, the three other most important issues facing Whitecourt from CSAB's purview were financial strain due to inflation, a need to carry out projects in the Sportfield Master Plan and a need to increase support for arts and culture organizations and community arts and culture programming.

Speaking to financial strain, Moore said they could see it when comparing paid and free programs. "(It) sometimes means a decrease in the use of paid programs. However, the free ones have skyrocketed in their participation. Those are definitely appreciated." She added that community groups are feeling inflation, too, with costs for goods and services.

Residents interested in putting some of their time towards one of the boards or committees in the community should check out the Town's website or call the Town Office. Communities in Bloom is looking for several members to join the fold and are a lovely bunch. Call the AJMC to learn more.



Youth support local poppy sales



The Whitecourt Air Cadets held several blitzes last week, helping to raise money for the Whitecourt Legion through poppy sales ahead of Remembrance Day. Cadets dressed up and collected donations at various stores, including one of the area's earliest festive markets, the Westward Christmas Market. Three cadets worked the market for both days, on November 2 and 3, and raised over \$360, which will help the Legion help area vets. Two of the three cadets posed for a smile with Santa Claus at the end of the market to celebrate a job well done. Cadet Sgt Astle and Cadet Cpl Lapointe.









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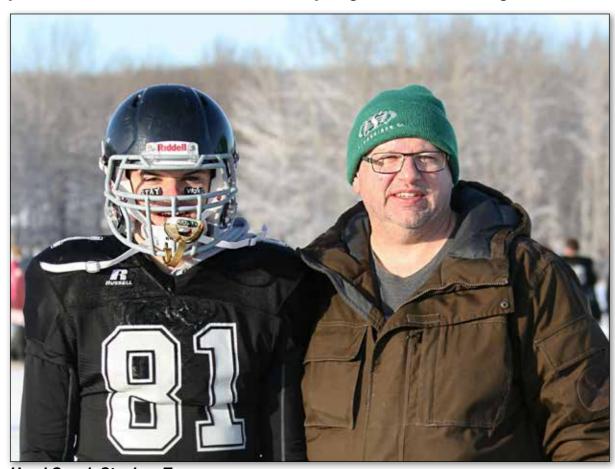
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Whitecourt Cats and new coach defy expectations



The Whitecourt Cats have grown into a solid team this season, raking in wins on and off the field. Head Coach Stephen Tapp recently spoke with the Press about his first year at the club's helm and raved about his young team of hardworking kids.



Head Coach Stephen Tapp.

By Serena Lapointe

Last year, when long-time Whitecourt Cats Football coach Kevin Babiuk retired after three decades of leadership, empty shoes remained on the sidelines needing to be filled. After two years in the assistant coach role, local Cats dad Stephen Tapp decided to step into the position and fill the shoes.

Tapp joined the Cats leadership staff three years ago when his middle son was playing on the team. "I saw (Babiuk) was coaching by himself, and no one was helping him. I offered to step up to the team. I played football in the past when I was in high school, so I knew a little bit about what was going on. From there, I took the courses and helped out," he explained.

Tapp said he wasn't planning on taking over head coach duties this year, but the individual who had planned to do it ended up taking a job outside of the community and could no longer commit. "That's how I ended up as head coach," chuckled Tapp. But even as unexpected as the switch was, Tapp said the year has been fantastic.

"It's a great group of young players. They are very receptive to being told how to play. Two-thirds of the team are grade nines and tens. We haven't been able to play grade nines before this due to our tiering. But because we are 9-man now, it has no tiering, allowing us to bring grade nines onto the team," explained Tapp.

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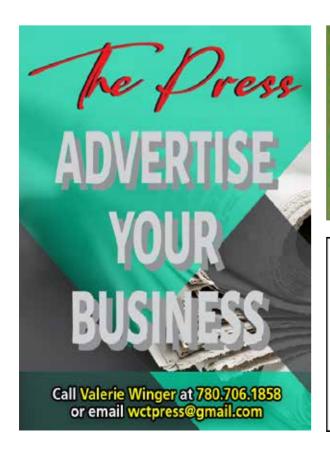


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Before this year, the Whitecourt Cats played in the 12-a-side league, but issues filling the roster all season convinced them to switch down to a relatively new league, 9-a-side. "With the smaller schools, like us, what we ran into in previous vears was low player turnouts, so fielding a team for twelve-man football gets very difficult if you don't have a lot of players. Usually, you start the year well, but by the end of the year, you're on the edge. There are numbers you have to meet with the number of players that can be dressed and the number of players that have to be on the roster at the start of the year. If they are not met, you have to forfeit the game," said Tapp.

Since the squeeze wasn't comfortable, they decided to drop down to 9-a-side football instead, joining other teams in the area and creating a new league, the Peace League. "Peace River dropped down to 9-man three years ago. They

were in our league before, for 12-man. Valleyview just came down this year with us, along with High Prairie," said Tapp.

One of the benefits of entering the new league was being able to allow grade nine students to play. In the past, grade nine students could join the team but could only practice, not play games. But being in the untiered 9-a-side league changed that. "We have six grade nines, and three of them

had starting positions on the team. We really have to use all of our team, and we are doing well considering how young we are," said Tapp. This year's team

is so young that roughly twothirds hadn't played organized football. But as Tapp explained, the roster

learned quickly and gelled into a cohesive bunch able to work solidly as a team, surprising not only themselves but other teams in the league. "As we got into the season, and we were playing teams, I think we surprised them because of the age of our team. They didn't think we would be as competitive as we were. From our first game to where we are now, we placed second in the Peace League," explained Tapp.

With a second-place finish in the northern 9-a-side league, the team is now facing down the provincials. "We didn't know at the beginning of the year

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOVEMBER 25, 2024 – 4:00PM

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Pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, the Town of Whitecourt has received an application to rescind Bylaw 1421 - Downtown South Common Area Structure Plan, and to amend Land Use Bylaw 1577 by rezoning NE26-59-12-W5 from C-1 Core Commercial – Downtown and R-4 High Density Residential to UD-F Future Urban Development.



Public Information Session -3:30 p.m. November 25, 2024, in the Forest Interpretive Centre lobby. This is an opportunity to learn more about the proposed changes and ask questions in an interactive setting.

Public Hearing - 4:00 p.m. November 25 2024, in the Town Council Chambers. The Public Hearing is a formal opportunity to make presentations for or against the proposed application. These are comments directly to Council, and part of the public record. Written comments must be received at the Town Office before noon on Thursday, November 21, 2024.

Any individuals or organizations wishing to make a submission for the Public d to provide their comments in writing prior to noon on Thurs November 21, 2024.

The Public Hearing will be available in person and through electronic means. Individuals who wish to make a presentation by electronic means are asked to pre-register with the Legislative Manager by emailing a request to administration@whitecourt.ca prior to noon on Thursday, November 21, 2024.

All written comments and pre-registration emails must clearly state your full name, municipal address, daytime phone number, and your support or opposition of the proposed amendment. It is also recommended to confirm receipt of all written submissions or email pre-registration requests.

The documents can be found on the Town of Whitecourt website at www.whitecourt.ca and are available for viewing at the Town Office 5004 - 52 Avenue, Planning Desk, during regular business hours prior to the Public Hearing.

Questions on the process or the Public Hearing should be directed to Stephanie Schaffner, Planner, at 780.778.2273 or e-mailed to Planning@whitecourt.ca.





High five train.

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if we would make provincials, let alone where we would place in the league. It's been a great opportunity for the kids. I think they've enjoyed the development. A few of them have said that football is now their favourite sport. So, it's been really positive."

The Cats were supposed to host the thirdplace team from the southern 9-man league on Saturday, November 9, but the Ponoka Brones, couldn't line up enough players for the match, bumping it to Monday, November 11. This is the first year 9-a-side football is being held at a provincial level through the Alberta Schools' Athletic ter the result from the game, and whether their season ends or if they move on to play Wainwright in the next round of the provincials, he's one proud coach. "They've grown so much not just in football but in relationships, as a team and with knowledge and appreciation of the sport. They have something special here playing football together. I'm so proud because every time they come on the field, they try so hard. I can see that when they play the games. They don't stop. They play hard up to the final whistle. It's been really good to see that."

He said the help he has received has also been tremendous, and past players from last year come up and help coach. It really helped. Even Mr. Babiuk came out and even showed up for a few games to help make sure we had enough coaches to help coach the techniques and support the team. It has been invaluable having their support on and off the field.'

Tapp said he is also grateful to the parents who stepped up. "Thank you to all the parents who have been supportive and helped out with the team when asked to do whatever needed doing. They've really stepped up. That's all part of this whole football family." Go, CATS! Go! Pictures used with this article are from the court' Facebook page.

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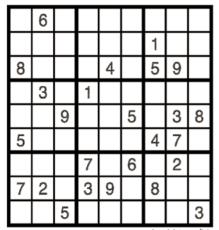


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- 1. Schoolhouse tool
- 7. Martens
- 13. Slags
- 14. One who scrapes
- 16. Centiliter
- 17. White wine
- 19. Of I
- 20. Former Syracuse great Warrick
- 22. Relating to the ear
- 23. Sandwich shops
- 25. Victories
- 26. White (French)
- 28. Self-immolation by fire ritual
- 29. Genus of parrots
- 30. Unhappy
- 31. Talk incessantly 33. Type of Squad
- 34. Unit of perceived
- loudness 36. Violent seizure of property

- 38. Agave
- 40. Sound units

- 45. Dash
- 48. Two-year-old sheep
- 51. Signs a deal

- 58. British Air Aces
- appendages

- 64. Rural delivery

- 41. Removes from record
- 43. Partner to Mama
- 44. Mythological bird
- 47. Hair product
- 53. Conifer
- 55. Autonomous republic in
- NW Russia
- 56. Wife of Muhammed

- 61. Deep-bodied sea dweller
- 65. Feeling
- 67. Study of relations of organisms to one another

- 59. Ears or ear-like
- 60. Not caps
- 69. Room to argue

70. Question

- **CLUES DOWN** 1. Cream puff
- 2. Road open
- 3. Stressed syllable 4. Thailand's former name
- 5. Cologne
- 6. Recounted
- 7. Garment of cloth
- 8. Airborne (abbr.) 9. Reproduced
- 10. Emits coherent radiation
- 11. "Westworld" actor Harris
- 12. Smallest interval in
- Western music 13. Unstressed central vowel
- 15. Lives in
- 18. When you expect to get somewhere
- 21. Storage bags 24. One who covers with
- plastic
- 26. Cast out 27. Automobile
- 30. Repaired shoe 32. Belonging to the bottom

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- 35. Possesses
- 37. Soda
- 38. Programs
- 39. In an unexpected way
- 42. A bag-like structure in a
- plant or animal
- 43. For each
- 46. Unbelief
- 47. Seized or impaled
- 49. Arrive on the scene
- 50. Especially happy
- 52. Classic western film 54. Split pulses
- 55. Frida _: Painter
- 57. Start again
- 59. Employee stock ownership plan
- 62. Young women's association
- 63. Frozen water
- 66. "The First State" 68. Computers need one

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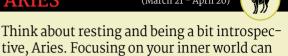
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(March 21 - April 20)



(April 21 - May 21)

Personal growth and self-improvement may be on your mind right now, Taurus. Set some new goals that align with your values. You may want to take a class to learn new skills as well.

help you to recharge your energy levels. Soli-

tude also may provide some clarity.

(May 22 - June 21)



Gemini, focus on long-term financial goals in the days to come. If you don't have a plan for investing meaningfully, you could sit down with an expert and get some ideas.

CANCER

(June 22 - July 22)

Try to engage in some thoughtful conversations with greater frequency, Cancer. Accepting that you can learn from others is a great way to grow personally and professionally.

(July 23 - August 23)

You might want to stay closer to home this week, Leo. You've been burning the midnight oil quite a bit lately. Family matters need attention right now, so prioritize them.

VIRGO

(August 24 - September 22)

Virgo, romance takes center stage for you, and you may find yourself suggesting new date ideas with your partner. Or this might be an opportunity to find a new romantic interest.

LIBRA

(September 23 - October 23)

Don't let work and daily routines catch you off guard, Libra. Try to streamline your tasks and find more efficient ways to handle your

responsibilities in the days to come. SCORPIO

(October 24 - November 22)

Scorpio, important negotiations or projects will certainly put your communication skills to the test. Keep an eye on the details and stick to the facts to avoid any misunderstandings.

SAGITTARIUS



Sagittarius, if you have been having any difficulties, voice your concerns to those who are willing to lend an ear. Keeping it all bottled up inside is not a healthy path forward.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

Showcase your talents and ideas at work this week, Capricorn. Others can benefit from your experience and it may inspire changes or discussions that prove fruitful.

AQUARIUS

(January 21 - February 18)

Aguarius, stick to your personal values and don't make concessions, whether with friends or in the workplace. It's important to have conviction in what you do.

PISCES

(February 19 - March 20)

Financial matters may come into focus this month, Pisces. It's a good time to look at your budget and make some tweaks, if necessary. Taking on extra work might be an option.

GAMES & PUZZLES WORD SEARCH

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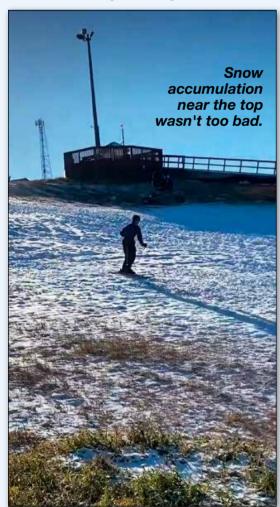
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Please, could we have some snow?



Entering the point at which the snow ends, and the grass begins.



Staff and volunteers at Eastlink Park are more than eager for the weather to dip and the snow to pile up. Midweek, the temperatures lowered just enough for the two newest snowmachines, Bob Cat and Little Kitty, to roar to life and show what they can do. That morning, folks went to check out the accumulation, and the white stuff on the ground proved too tempting for one snow-making volunteer, who strapped on a pair of skis and went for a cruise. In a video posted to the Eastlink Park Facebook page, the skier made it down the not-even partially covered hillside and topped off his journey with a jump and a spin. Bring on the snow!

Connect Care in more sites, programs in Alberta

Alberta Health Services (AHS) recently completed the ninth and final launch of Connect Care, bringing more than 11,000 additional staff and physicians at 155 AHS and AHS-partner sites and locations, onto the common provincial information system.

AHS has led the way in Canada with Connect Care as the only health authority in the country with a provincewide clinical information system. In addition to this, AHS has the lowest cost per user to operate the system when compared to other clients of the software vendor, Epic Systems, who are of a similar scale to AHS. Connect Care gives healthcare providers more tools to support their patients at almost half the cost per user of the systems AHS had previously in place. It also supports the desire of Albertans to have access to their health information.

With Launch 9, Connect Care is in place across all AHS and AHS partner programs, services and sites in Alberta. This launch includes:

- Community Care and Home Care programs and services in Edmonton, North, Calgary, Central and South zones.
- Population Public Health sites across Calgary, Edmonton, Central and North zones.
- Health Link's 13 pro-

vincial programs.

- Community ambulatory clinics in North, Edmonton, Calgary and South zones, and Bone and Joint clinics in Calgary, Central and Edmonton zones.
- Recovery Alberta's 10 Correctional Health Services facilities across all five zones.
- 12 CapitalCare facilities and five Covenant Health sites in the Edmonton Zone.

The initiative supports best practices across AHS, and enables health records from AHS, and its subsidiaries and partners to be accessed through one system. It also provides clinicians with common decision-making support. Through Alberta's MyHealth Records, Albertans have access to MyAHS Connect, an online patient portal where people can see their health information, test results and medications; manage appointments; and communicate securely with their AHS healthcare team.

With Launch 9, there are now more than 125,000 staff, physicians and other healthcare providers using Connect Care to improve care for patients, in more than 1,000 sites and programs across all five AHS zones.

"Today marks an impressive milestone for AHS," says AHS President and CEO Athana Mentzelopoulos.

"Health information across all AHS programs and services and with our partners is now integrated, so front-line healthcare workers, physicians and patients have shared information that gives the whole healthcare team a more complete health history for patients, access to consistent information on best practices and resources at their fingertips, while improving our ability to keep information private and secure."

The switch over to Connect Care went as planned as teams at these locations transitioned to the new information system at 5 a.m. today.

"This launch marks the ninth rollout of Connect Care over five years. It has been an incredible effort that helps AHS physicians and other healthcare providers do their best possible work.

By having a common clinical information system, care teams across AHS and our partners have access to a patient's complex histories and medication lists, with information that travels with the patient wherever Connect Care is in place," says Dr. Peter Jamieson, Vice President, Quality, and Chief Medical Officer. "It has improved how we care for patients and clients across the province."

All launches to date have included plans to

ensure care is not compromised during the transition. Patients may see care teams taking a little extra time to complete their charting and other tasks during launch as they adjust to these improvements.

"The scale of Connect Care makes it one of the largest clinical system implementations in the world," adds Sean Chilton, AHS Interim Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Clinical Operations and EMS.

"Right from the onset of planning over a decade ago, patients, physicians, nurses, midwives, other front-line staff, technical teams, and patient and family advisors have been instrumental in designing the clinical information system for Connect Care. We could not have gotten to this final launch without their support and input every step of the way."

Alberta Health Services is the provincial health authority responsible for planning and delivering health supports and services for more than four million adults and children living in Alberta. Our mission is to provide a patient-focused, quality health system that is accessible and sustainable for all Albertans. Our current focus is on reducing emergency department wait times, improving EMS response times, increasing access to surgeries, and improving patient flow.











This is the study of the physical features of the earth and its atmosphere.

Answer: Geography

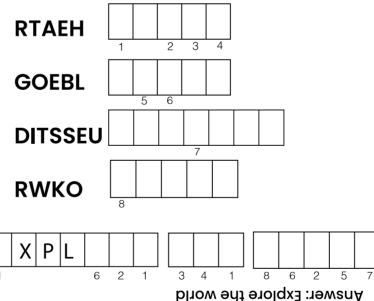
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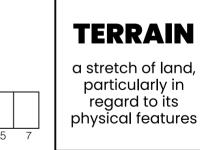


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Women are given the right to vote in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

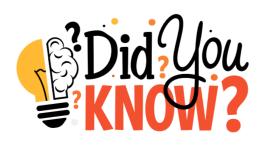
particularly in regard to its







English: Soil Spanish: Tierra **Italian:** Terra French: Terre **German:** Erde



Asia is the largest continent in the world by area. It stretches from the Mediterranean Sea to the Pacific Ocean.





Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Antique map





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SCHOOL NEWS

Pat Hardy Elementary School remembers





In a moving tribute to honour the sacrifices of Canada's veterans, students and staff at Pat Hardy Elementary School gathered for their annual Remembrance Day ceremony. The ceremony provided students a meaningful opportunity to reflect on the importance of peace, bravery, and the deep impact of historical sacrifices made for their freedom.

Whitecourt Family Violence Initiative celebrates provincial recognition

The Whitecourt Familv Violence Initiative has received provincial recognition for their efforts, and was recently awarded the Minister's Award for Municipal and Public Library Excellence in the Enhancing Community Safety category.

The award was presented to the group at the November 2 gala event hosted by the Family Whitecourt Violence Initiative. The award is given to an innovative initiative that engages the community to address a safety issue. For 20 years, the Initiative has worked with the goal of reducing family violence through education, intervention and awareness activities, supports,

programming. Most recently, the Initiative created two unique programs for Whitecourt to fill gaps in community supports specifically related to Family Violence Court and safe

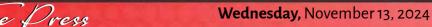
visitation.

"The Whitecourt Family Violence Initiative, which involves a variety of community stakeholders, is incredibly deserving of this award," added Whitecourt Mayor Tom Pick-

ard. "This group has shown that stopping the cycle of family violence is a collective effort, and that together we can make a difference to prevent and put an end to domestic violence."



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