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## Weekend double-header action split for the Whitecourt Wolverines









## Great news for Whitecourt following 1.5 million FRIAA grant approval for a proactive wildfire project



The Town of Whitecourt will soon receive a boost to its wildfire protection arsenal thanks to a proactive project recently approved for significant provincial funding through the Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta's Community Fireguard Program. Pictured is Minister Todd Loewen with Bertie Beaver to announce increased funding.

#### By Serena Lapointe

Each spring, Canadians surrounded by the Boreal Forest collectively hold their breath to seewhat the fire season will bring. Several reasons lead to whether spring will be hazardous, including low snow accumulations, which allow vegetation to become tinder dry over the winter.

A spark from lightning or a human-caused mishap can be all it takes to get things going.

Dried vegetation, called fine fuels, allows fires to start, like kindling on a fire. Any camper knowsyou need smaller pieces of wood before larger pieces. It's much the same for a forest fire. As asmall fire grows, it dries out the surrounding fuels, getting them ready to

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burn. Add in the springtime winds, and it further exacerbates the issue.

Provinces with regular severe fire activity already have plans to help combat the 2025 fireseason. Ontario is one example, as it seeks to modernize wildland fire management in theprovince, which includes expanding prevention and mitigation, enhancing preparedness andresponse, strengthening and consequences for non-compliance improvingawareness.

Mid-to-late summer, the province sought proposals and comments from industry and thegeneral public to help with policy review and potential changes to its Forest Fires Prevention

Act. They wanted to know what people and communities needed to identify and understandwildland risks and how current legislation helps or handcuffs local efforts.

British Columbia is another province shifting how it fights fires. A couple of years ago, theprovince switched from a reactive model to a year-round proactive model involving landscapefire management that focuses on four key pillars: prevention/mitigation, preparedness, responseand recovery. Landscape fire management includes reducing the risk of catastrophic wildfire bylowering forest fuels by increasing the diversity of tree species and age, decreasing forestdensity and using cultural and prescribed burning.

Creating fuel breaks is another part of their mitigation plan. A fuel break is where fire and thefuel are split up. In nature, lakes, rivers, canyons and ridges would help push back on anincoming fire because they would put distance between the fire and its food. Manmade fuelbreaks, also called control lines, can vary in size and design and are commonly created to suitneeds. They can be built in the moment or in advance as a proactive approach.

Obituary Notices

In Alberta, attention is growing for proactive projects, including fireguards. In late 2023, MinisterTodd Loewen, Minister of Forestry and Parks, announced that the province was contributing fivemillion dollars to the Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA) to helpcommunities at heightened risk for wildfires create fireguards around their communities.

In April of this year, Minister Loewen announced that the province would be nearly tripling itsprevious contribution, adding another fourteen million dollars to the Community FireguardProgram. "I am encouraged by the increased interest in both the FireSmart and FireguardPrograms

this year. Albertans and their communities are wanting to better prepare themselvesagainst the dangers of wildfire," said Minister Loewen.

The Town of Whitecourt is one of those communities ing to better prepare against wildfirerisk. Town staff, following a motion of support from Town Council, applied for funding through-FRIAA to construct a Community Fireguard on the east side of the community, from the edge of Highway 43, behind the Woodlands County Office, up alongside the industrial area, down thevalley, across the tracks and ending near Ecole St. Joseph's School.

On October 30, 2024, Town received word from FRIAA that the application was approvedand that Whitecourt would receive \$1,534,180 towards the project. At Whitecourt TownCouncil's first regular meeting

of the month, the good news was shared by Lee Hardman, Director of Community Safety. "The work will include vegetation clearing, mulching, stumping, grading and erosion control." He added that some Firesmart activities would also take place.

The project should start as early as next month, depending on how the tendering process goes.

"We expect construction to start December to January. We're ready," said Hardman. The 100-metre-wide fireguard will have access routes and conclude by September next year. "It's prettyrapid," said Hardman.

The Town of Whitecourt will be putting in just under two hundred thousand dollars of in-kindcosts, which include staff hours and vehicle and equipment use, which the operating budgetcovers. The ongoing maintenance of the Community Fireguard should be minimal. "Because weare using Firesmart-approved seed, there will be slow growth. Every other year, mowing wouldbe needed and periodic mulching during the winter months during the freeze," explained-Hardman.

When asked why the guard didn't continue past Ecole St. Joseph's School and end at the riverboundary, Hardman explained that several reasons decided where the guard would "Northof that, there is private property. This would not permit it to go on private property. We werelooking at the river portion as well. However, due to the ball diamonds, we have a lot of bufferspace between that and the residential areas. There's enough distance there to fight fire."

Mayor Tom Pickard credited the administrative staff for making it possible. "Our community hasshown a commitment to the Firesmart principles and to working with FRIAA. I know from myconversations with Minister Loewen and our local MLA that they are impressed with the workour community does. When we get funds, we use them, and they are used immediately. Thesethings don't just happen. It's a reflection on the work that our administration does and all theFiresmart people before us have done."



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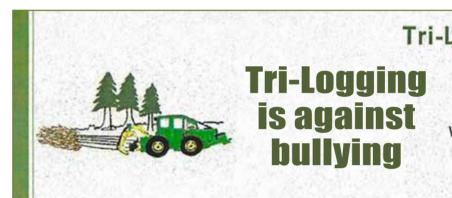
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## Weekend double-header action split for the Whitecourt Wolverines



Wicked save.

#### By Serena Lapointe

The Whitecourt Wolverines had a double-header at home over the weekend, bringing two divisional rivals to JDA Place on Friday and Saturday night. The Olds Grizzlys crew was up first, hitting the ice against the Wolverines at 7 pm on Friday, November 15. It was the first visit to Whitecourt for the Grizzlys with ex-Wolverine Hunter Motley on the roster. Motley beginning of October.

the game, a decrease from the previous three matchups, but attendance could have been affected by the Jake Paul versus Mike Tyson fight, which aired the same evening. However, there is a good chance fans at JDA Place saw more action on the ice than the 60 million viewers saw in the ring. Early on in the game, the intensity was up. There were big hits and extra pushes after whistles.

Fans could see that things were heating up

quickly. Just over two minutes into the game, Ethan Short sniped his eighth of the season behind the Olds goaltender, assisted by Marcello Giorgi and Xavier Lacoste, giving his team an early lead. The assist for Lacoste was his team-leading 16th of the season. As of Saturday, November 16, Lacoste leads the north division in assists and is second in the AJHL.

Just over halfway, traded to Olds at the Dwayne Jean Jr pocketed his sixth of the in the audience for Larson and Tyler Rowland. The Wolverines had taken a lead in the first and kept the Grizzlys off the scoreboard. The period saw two penalties, both to Olds. In the dying seconds of the period, ex- Wolverines Hunter Motley took a stick up high in front of the referee, but there was no call.

Motley made his feelings known, hollering on his way to the bench.

The second period was quiet on the scoreboard and penalty sheet, but the activity on the ice was anything but. Both teams bumped the intensity, pushing each other around after whistles and getting up close and personal. Several scrums persisted at the Wolverine's net following good saves, but no calls.

Just over twelve minutes into the period. Jalen Bianchet scored his seventh goal of the year, hammering the final nail into the Grizzly's coffin. The Wolverines had a three-nothing There were 446 fans year, assisted by Reid lead and weren't letting it go. Through the third period, there was no scoring to speak of. The Wolverines landed in the penalty box three times, but Olds couldn't capitalize. The Wolverines took the game 3-0.

The next night, the Wolverines welcomed the Fort McMurray Oil Barons to JDA Place for their first meeting of the season. Fans knew they were going to be in for a great game. In the first peri-

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Vetrano. chance. At 14:10, #90 Xavier Lacoste scored his second of the season, assisted by Bianchet, his twelfth.

Four minutes later, Wolverines answered again. This time Ethan Short scored his ninth goal, assisted by Jean Jr. The Wolverines quickly took a 2-0 lead.

Early in the second. the Oil Barons retaliated, scoring just 1:48 in. Roughly seven minutes later, they scored another, tying things up. With players on edge, things got choppy. Wolverine Tyler Rowland sat for two minutes for a delay of game penalty, while four Barons took turns sitting for two minutes for charging, checking from behind, tripping and interference. The game was locked at two apiece.

The third period began the same, with players going after each other. Wolverine Stefan Serediak dropped his gloves against Oil Baron Spencer Kunz, and both received a ten-minute game misconduct and five-for-

Wolverines netminder, Zac Onyskiw, taking the lead 3-2. But, before the Baron fans even had a chance to sit down after cheering, the Wolverines responded with a goal from Travis Verbeek, tying the game back up.

Both teams held on until the whistle blew. It would take overtime to end this matchup.

The overtime period was fast, lasting only 58 seconds. Wolverines fans did not get the result they wanted, as the Oil Barons took the win 4-3. The Wolverines still scored a point and, as of Saturday, are tied with the Grande Prairie Storm for the AJHL North Division and the rest of the league.

The next home game for the Wolverines will be at the beginning of December. The Lloydminster Bobcats will be in town for a double-header on Friday, December 6 and Saturday, December 7.

The Wolverines will also play the Canmore Eagles at home on Saturday, December 14.

A scramble for the puck.





A smirk only the winning team can make.



It's time to celebrate! The Ecole St. Joseph School Senior Girls Saints volleyball team are the 2024/2025 North Central Zone Champions following a big win at the school on Saturday night. The girls played hard and were deservingly crowned the champs in front of a very proud local crowd. Congratulations! All the best at Provincials!

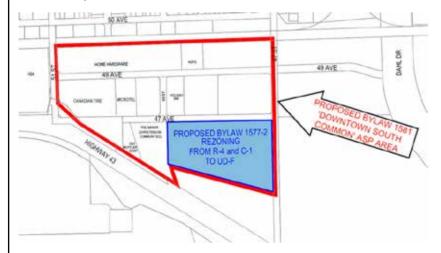
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## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOVEMBER 25, 2024 – 4:00PM**

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 Hearing are encouraged to provide their comments in writing prior to noon on Thursday, 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 <a href="https://www.whitecourt.ca">www.whitecourt.ca</a> 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 <a href="mailto:Planning@whitecourt.ca">Planning@whitecourt.ca</a>.

#### NOTICE OF DECISION

The following decisions were made by the Municipal Planning Commission:

Subdivision W21-348: NW & SW 35-59-12-W5; Lot 7, Block 8, Plan 1123991; Lots 5 & 6, Block 8, Plan 9422819; Lot 3, Block 8, Plan 8622565; Lot OT, Plan 4571 CL – Request for Extension (Millar Western Forest Products Ltd.) – Approved with conditions.

Date of Decisions: November 14, 2024 Appeal Closes at 4:00pm: November 28, 2024

Application 24-110: 3739 39 Street – Discretionary Use – Equipment sales, rental and repair, heavy – Approved with conditions.

Application 24-112: 3808 38 Avenue – Application for Whitecourt pain management, safety & wellness centre – Refused with conditions.

Date of Decisions: November 14, 2024 Appeal Closes at 4:00pm: December 5, 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.



# Back to earth: Major crop prices down in Alberta

By Rob Roach
ATB Economics

We often refer to the rollercoaster ride that is crude oil prices, but this analogy also works well for major crop prices in Alberta over the last few years.

Spurred on by poor growing conditions and the Russian invasion of Ukraine, crop prices around the world spiked in 2022.

In June of that year, the average price received by Alberta farmers for wheat, barley, and canola (Alberta's three largest crops)

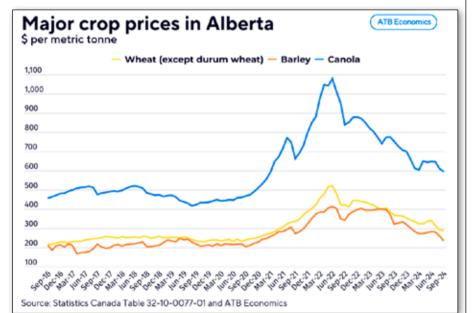
reached all-time highs.

As the chart below shows, prices have fallen over the last two years. As of September 2024, the average price for all three crops was almost 45% lower than the peak reached in 2022.

Compared to their five-year averages, the price of wheat in September was down by 15%, the price of barley by 23%, and the price of canola by 13%.

Rising supply from better global growing conditions and Ukrainian crops getting to market despite the war help explain the price moderation.

What's next for crop prices in Alberta will depend on a wide range of factors including whether or not China imposes tariffs on Canadian canola in retaliation for Canada's tariffs on Chinese electric vehicles and batteries, future growing conditions, and geopolitical developments such as the war in Ukraine and U.S. agriculture and trade policy under the incoming Trump Administration.



## Whitecourt Town Council updates

Marlene Pinchbeck has been appointed the Returning Officer for the 2025 Municipal Election. The election will be held on October 20, 2025.

Council has approved a one-year exemption to Sagitawah RV Park's operat-

ing season, allowing the Park to operate throughout this winter season (from October 16, 2024 to May 14, 2025). This approval is subject to a number of conditions as part of the Development Permit approval process.

Living Waters Cath-

olic Schools has invited the Town of Whitecourt to participate in discussions about how to increase local post-secondary opportunities for students and the community. Advancing opportunities for postsecondary education has been a goal of the Whitecourt Economic **Development Commit**tee, and collaboration with school divisions was also identified in its 2025 strategic plan.



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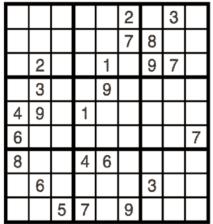
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ranges

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hard object

weapon

Wade<sup>\*</sup>

46. About aviation

35. Up in the air (abbr.)

36. American marsupial

41. Decadent dessert

47. Summer footwear

50. Rugged mountain

56. Wrapped in cloth

57. Defensive nuclear

60. Midway between east

61. Court decision "\_\_ v.

59. "American Idol"

contestant Clay

and southeast

62. Born of

63. Soviet Socialist

55. Cut on the surface of a

#### Here's How It Works:

**CLUES ACROSS** 

12. Male child

organism

divine status

purpose

in a community

13. Type of wheat

15. One's mother

19. United is one

16. Upper side of an

21. Extraction process

23. A being with lesser

25. Luxury automaker

27. Semitic language

30. Period for a defined

34. Wander aimlessly in

26. This (Spanish)

24. People living together

1. Defunct airline

4. Beverage container

7. A team's best pitcher

11. It comes before two

10. Unit of liquid capacity

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Crossword Clues

# 50

Republic

- 64. Actress \_\_-Margaret
- 65. Not even

#### **CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Heat unit 2. \_\_ Faulkner, American
- writer 3. Guatemalan town
- 4. Of funny things
- 5. Actress \_\_ de Armas
- 6. Agents of one's downfall
- 7. Takes forcibly
- 8. Body lice
- 9. Large nest of a bird of prev
- 13. Unhappy
- 14. Popular holiday dessert
- 17. Habitual drunkard
- 18. Used of a number or
- amount not specified
- 20. Complications
- 22. Fail to win
- 27. Before the present
- 28. Musical genre

- 29. Flurry
- 31. 007's creator
- 32. Indiana Pacer Toppin
- 33. Midway between
- north and northeast 37. Feeling
- 38. Damage another's
- reputation 39. Mottled citrus fruit
- 40. Beauty product
- 41. They man first, second
- and third
- 42. Harness
- 43. Herb
- 44. Expressed concern
- 47. Mississippi scientific area (abbr.)
- 48. Consumed
- 49. Nostrils
- 51. Gathered fallen leaves
- 52. Express good wishes 53. Monetary unit of
- Brunei
- 58. Japanese Buddhist festival

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JULIENNE

POACH

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SIFT

## **CROSSWORDS HOROSCO**

(March 21 - April 20)

Aries, put aside any errant musings and give important tasks your utmost attention this week. Energy is better spent on others, so keep this in mind when you get busy.

TAURUS

(April 21 - May 21)

Taurus, your coworkers are all excited and fussing over a new development. Maintain an even keel as you assess the situation. You can be curious, but be guarded as well.

(May 22 - June 21)

Gemini, your love life is in a really good place this week, which enables you to spend some quality time with your special someone. A romantic dinner sounds like a good plan

CANCER

(June 22 - July 22)



Your partner is the most important person in your life right now, Cancer. So much so that this week every bit of your attention will be focused his or her way.

(July 23 - August 23)

Leo, money could be burning a hole in your pocket, so you might want to go on a spending spree. Keep in mind that there are a few big-ticket purchases waiting in the wings.

VIRGO

(August 24 - September 22)

You don't always have to be decisive, Virgo. Sometimes you can kick back and let someone else make decisions for a change. This is a great way to rest and recharge.

(September 23 - October 23)



A few jobs need to get done, Libra. But afterwards you should have plenty of time for some social interaction, whether that be attending a party or simply enjoying a night out.

SCORPIO

(October 24 - November 22)

Scorpio, think about the things you want instead of what other people want. It's alright to be a little selfish once in a while and put yourself first for a change.

**SAGITTARIUS** 

(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)



Sagittarius, you could have fun this week and so may all the other people around you simply for being in your presence. This situation will continue in the days ahead.

**CAPRICORN** 



Capricorn, the next challenge on your list could be a big one. But if there is anyone who can handle the pressure, it is you. Don't be afraid to call on friends if you need them.

**AQUARIUS** 

(January 21 - February 18)

Aquarius, go out into the world and try a few new things. Your social energy and curiosity might peak this week, and you'll need new experiences to feel satisfied.

**PISCES** 

(February 19 - March 20)

Your finances might need an overhaul, Pisces. This could mean taking a new job or expanding what you're doing to earn more. Start putting out feelers to gain information.

## GET COOKING WORD SEARCH

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

#### WORDS

BAKE **BASTE BEAT** 

**BLANCH BLEND** BOIL **BRAISE** 

**BROIL** 

**BRINING BROWN** CARAMELIZE CHOP COOKWARE **CREAM DEGLAZE** 

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## Lots to see at the Santa Claus parade





Millar Western finished off the parade with Santa Claus.



Precious Sprouts Childcare Center's Winter Wonderland.



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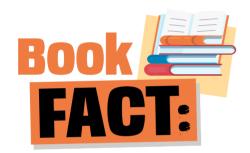
Wolverines on Rotary's float.



Over two dozen floats lined up this year for the Whitecourt & District Chamber of Commerce Santa Claus Parade. The parade featured lots of fun things to see from some very creative local businesses and groups. Mild weather increased attendance, filling the sidewalks along the route.



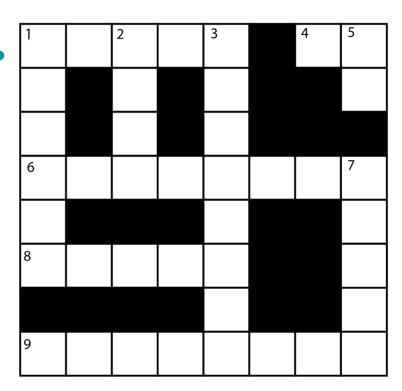




This is a fictional story of book length, that often represents character and action.

Answer: Novel

#### **Crossword Puzzle**



#### **ACROSS**

- 1. Collection of writings
- 4. Movie rating
- 6. Timing of events
- 8. Jewish religious leader
- 9. Newspapers or magazines

#### **DOWN**

- 1. One who creates a written piece
- 2. A space in a home
- 3. Green onion
- 5. Start to move
- 7. Corrections

Down J. Writer 2. Room 3. Scallion 5. Go 7. Edits

Across I. Works 4. Pg 6. Timeline 8. Rabbi 9. Journals

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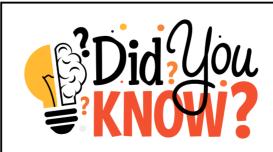
The first Tim
Hortons restaurant
opens on Ottawa
Street North and
Dunsmore Street in
Hamilton, Ontario, as
Tim Hortons Donuts.



the writer of a book, article or report



English: Word
Spanish: Palabra
Italian: Parola
French: Mot
German: Wort



Children who love reading perform better in school overall. Plus, the more kids like to read, the more they tend to do it, becoming better at reading in the process.



Answer: Typewriter





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P.O.P. High Low Wind 24-Hr Rain / Snow Wed., Nov. 20
Flurries
70%
-8°C
-10°C
E 18 km/h
2-4cm



Thu., Nov. 21
Mainly sunny
10%
-7°C
-15°C
NW 15 km/h



Fri., Nov. 22

Mainly sunny
10%
-10°C
-12°C
W 8 km/h



Sat., Nov. 23

Mainly cloudy
30%
-11°C
-16°C
E 11 km/h

Sun., Nov. 24
Chance of flurries
30%
-12°C
-17°C
E 7 km/h

#### **Money Matters**

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#### SCHOOL NEWS



Teachers and educational assistants at Whitecourt Central School recently participated in a full day of SIVA (Supporting Individuals through Valued Attachments) training. This holistic, relationship-based approach focuses on building collaboration, goal-setting, self-management, and empowerment skills to support individuals with challenging behaviors and complex needs. The training equipped staff with valuable tools to strengthen relationships and enhance safety, ensuring a positive and supportive learning environment for all students.





Pat Hardy Primary School students enjoyed an engaging week of bus safety presentations, thanks to Cindy from Safely on Board. Cindy's interactive sessions taught essential safety practices, helping students learn how to stay safe on and around school buses. The presentations were a hit, leaving students better prepared for their daily travels.

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