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One of Don's favourite images. See story page 2.



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Santa's Test Run on a one-horse open sleigh

By Serena Lapointe

For twelve years, a local family has shared their love of Christmas and horses with folks across the area. The Myers Family, comprised of Donald and his wife, Lavonne, and their two grown daughters, Melanie and Reena, have been running an event they call Santa's Test Run since 2013.

That year, Don had pulled out his buggy and took family and friends out for a ride. "We had just gotten the horse trained to pull it," he said. Then they had an idea. What if he dressed up as Santa on Christmas Eve, went to the service road where Lonira Road meets Highway 43 and waved at passing vehicles? The decision ended up being a good one.

Reena, who lives in Grande Prairie, was visiting for the holidays when they decided to do it. She and her sister, on horseback, joined her dad on the buggy, and the trio made their way to the highway. "It was priceless watching all the people do a double take to ensure they saw it correctly," she explained. "It was Christmas Eve, so we waved to everyone travelling that day.

We had a couple of people stop and ask if they could take pictures. We thought it would be fun to give people a little joy during this time of year."

The following year, the group decided to do it again, but they decided to give people the chance to go for a little ride in the buggy this time. Rather than take any money the Myers crew fundraised for local organizations like the Whitecourt Food Bank and the Christmas Hamper.

"Our first year doing the actual Test Run, we collected some stuff for the food bank and some cash, which we donated to the Christmas Hamper. The following years greatly increased in people attending and donating. We had people asking on Facebook what date it would be happening," said Don.

"We like the response

from people, which made us decide to continue it every year. Even during Covid, we had a great response from the public. Even though we had to put some strict protocols in place," explained Don.

When asked why he wanted to raise money and goods for local groups, Don said it was all in how he was raised. "I was taught by my parents to be kind and helpful to people less fortunate than us. I feel it's important to recognize all people regardless of their status. We have always been fortunate to have most things we wanted in life. I have witnessed some dear friends growing up who were less fortunate than us, and our family always helped them."

Getting to play the jolly fellow is something that Don looks forward to every year. "It is a great feeling. I enjoy the looks of the children. I even had one older lady who had never had a buggy ride, and she was so excited to have one. That's the feeling I get when someone enjoys what I'm doing. I think I enjoy it as much as the kids do!" Melanie said watch-

ing her dad dress up as Santa is as much a tradition for her as it is for others. She even regularly dresses up as Mrs. Claus. "It is so fun as he loves all the children and the looks of joy they have for Santa. It makes me feel warm inside knowing it makes their day and is a tradition for them." She added that celebrating the season in a big way also keeps the memory of passed family members at the forefront. "This is something our familv before would have loved to do as they all loved this time of year."

Several years in, Melanie, her mom and sister, and a neighbour started putting together little ornament crafts and gave them out. "Some people have been coming for a while now and look forward to the ornament. They collect them. I love seeing the happiness in all the children that



Not just anyone can dress up as Santa and bring the season's magic to life. It takes a special person with a sparkle in their eyes to do the role justice. For the last twelve years, an area man has been one of a few long-standing Santa stand-ins locally that has done the job right. Pictured is Year one, down on the service road by Lonira Rd, waving at Hwy 43 drivers on Christmas Eve.



Don, Melanie (right) and a helper elf.

come through and their parents."

For Reena, coming down for the yearly tradition is a given for her. "I like being part of it so that I can see the joy on the faces of everyone who gets to go on the ride. One of my favourite parts is seeing how much fun my dad has with it. It also helps bring my grandfathers, who would have had so much fun with it, back into our hearts," she explained.

In the last few years, the group moved Santa's Test Run to the Blue Ridge Community Centre.

"We teamed up with the Blue Ridge Community League and Library to coordinate with their Christmas party. It gives people something to do while waiting for the ride, like skating and crafts. They also supply hotdogs and hot chocolate by the fire pit," explained Don.

The event normally happens early in December but was sidelined this year due to a big dip in the thermostat. It was the first year that the Myers family was unable to do Santa's Test Run in the way they had been. "Our family is disappointed that we can't have the event this year. It's the first time we haven't done it since we started. There was one year we had to cancel our original date, but we made an alternative date work. Unfortunately, this year, we can't do that."

Don, Lavonne, Melanie and Reena will miss seeing all the faces and sharing in the Christmas joy they have grown accustomed to. Don said they are all eager to get back to it next year. "Our family would like to thank all past, present and future Santa's Test Run helpers who have helped us keep this family tradition alive for so many years with such a great response. Merry Christmas to all!"

PUBLIC NOTICE

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https://wctcancerwellness.com/ **Monthly meetings have been postponed due to COVID-19



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Support group on Tuesdays 6:30pm - 8:30 pm, starting September 17, 2024 at Crossroads Community Church, 4419 44 Ave, Mayerthorpe. \$35 includes 12 weekly sessions.

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Meetings are three times each week

- 8:00 pm 9:00 pm Monday
- Wednesday 8:00 pm 9:00 pm
- Friday 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm

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The Press

Back in business: Alberta tourism roars back to life

By Mark Parsons,

Can you think of an industry more impacted by the pandemic than tourism? International travel came to a virtual halt, depriving the industry of revenues.

Given the severity of the disruptions, it's hard to imagine that tourism spending could ever recover. But that's exactly what has happened.

Recently released data show that foreign* visitor spending in Alberta hit a record high in the first half of 2024 at \$1.2 billion. That's 6.6% higher than the same time last year, with spending up across all categories.

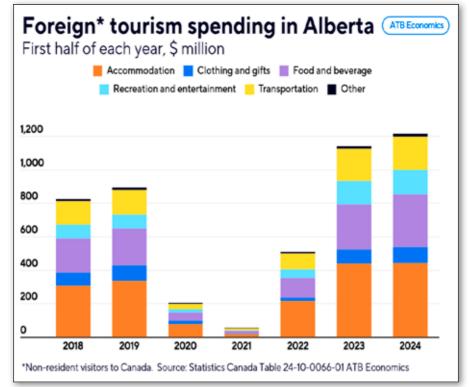
It was overseas visitors that contributed the most in the first half, spending \$621 million—up 13.7% from the first half of 2023. Spending by Americans accounted for \$592 million, on par with the same time last year.

Taking a longer view, foreign visitor spend-

ing in Alberta was 36% higher than the first half of 2019—prior to the pandemic. That's the largest increase among the provinces and far outpacing the national 9% increase.**

Foreign tourist spending provides a significant boost to the province, as it is 'incremental' or new money coming in. But it is just one component of tourism spending. The other larger categories are spending by other Canadians and Albertans themselves. These categories are available on an annual basis and were recently discussed in the November 22 edition of the Seven.

Tourism is part of the growth-broadening story we've been talking about. Oil production and home construction are driving growth this year, but a wide range of sectors are also chipping in, from food manufacturing, to technology, to aviation, and of course tourism. A weak loonie, relative to



the greenback, is also making travel more affordable for U.S. visitors and will continue to encourage visits to the province.

The trend in spending is positive, but there are still some challenges for tourism operators. One is labour shortages, with accommodation and food services

having the highest job vacancy rate among major sectors as of the second quarter. Another is rising costs, including the spike in food costs since the pandemic. More recently, wildfires have taken a staggering toll on Jasper, destroying about a third of the town during peak travel season. Na-

tional Park attendance in Alberta was down more than 35% in August compared to the same month last year, with Jasper Park falling to zero that month. While visitors are returning, we'll likely see the impact in the third quarter spending data.

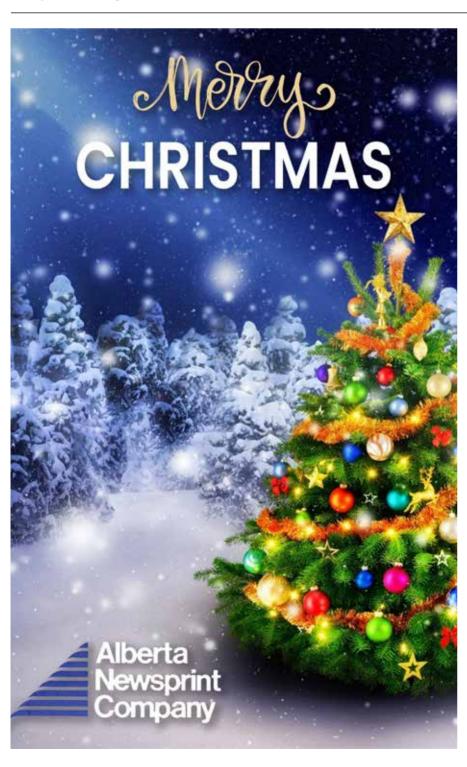
It's also worth noting that the COVID bounce

back in foreign travel spending is driven by higher spending per visit, not more visits overall. Indeed, foreign visits in the first half of this year trailed 2019 first half levels by nearly 3%. While U.S. travel has fully recovered, overseas visits have not. Yet spending per overseas visit has jumped, providing an offset. This is important, as a full recovery in non-U.S. travel provides a runway for even more growth in the sector.

Bottom line: The tourism sector has bounced back from COVID in a meaningful way, and is an important part of the growth and diversification story in Alberta.

*Non-resident visitors to Canada.

**Statistics Canada publishes data between Q1 2018 and Q2 2024, but notes methodology changes in 2020 that may impact comparisons over time.







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Woodlands County Council recap

Woodlands County Council discussed the following items at their recent meeting of Council:

Council was updated on the public input for erosion mitigation on Old Ferry Road. A public input session was held in 2024 to review available options. Council continues to review options to find

a strategy for Old Ferry Road.

The regular Council meeting scheduled for January 1 was cancelled as it is a statutory holiday.

Upcoming scheduled meetings:

- Regular Council Wednesday, December 18, 9:30 am
- Regular Council Wednesday, January

15, 5:00 pm

• Regular Council – Wednesday, January 29, 9:30 am

Meetings are held in-person at the Municipal Office in White-court and streamed on the Woodlands County YouTube channel. Agenda packages are available on the Woodlands County CivicWeb Portal.





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The following decisions were made by the Municipal Planning Commission:

Application 24-116: Unit 2, 4164 Kepler Street – Discretionary Use – Application for Retail General – Approved with Conditions.

Date of Decision(s): November 28, 2024 Appeal Closes at 4:00pm: December 19, 2024

The following decisions were made by the Development Officer:

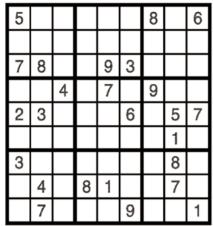
Application 24-113: Lot 12, Block 8, Plan 752 1663, 3717 37 Street - Over-width Driveway - Approved with Conditions.

Date of Decision(s): December 4, 2024 Appeal Closes at 4:00pm: December 30, 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.



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Here's How It Works:

CLUES ACROSS

1. Thou __ do it

9. Brainstem part

14. Little (Spanish)

17. Short-billed rails

18. Small period of time

21. A team needs one

23. Republican Party

25. "The Godfather"

22. Woman in ancient times

15. Continent

19. Confused

24. Spanish be

character Johnny

28. Not around

33. Numb

36. Gurus

29. City in Zambia

31. A type of beginning

16. Retch

(abbr.)

6. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)

13. Town in New York state

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 dues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Crossword Clues

- target
- 2. Wings
- 3. Overly studious person
- 4. They protect your
- 5. The Volunteer State
- 6. Non-hydraulic cement
- 7. Horse mackerel
- 8. Jackson and Diddley are
- 9. Splendid displays
- brother or sister
- 61. Baseball fields have them husband at a time
 - 17. Romanian city
 - 20. Energy
- 63. Discharge 64. Two of something
- 65. Once more

62. Designated space

- 66. Part of your face

GAMES & PUZZLES WORD SEARCH

38. Small, gray-headed crow

48. Midway between south

49. It cools your home

51. Corn comes on it

39. Vehicle type

45. Indian soldier

46. Tree type

and southeast

52. Ship's deck

56. Improvised

54. A way to bake

60. Butterfly genus

44. One point east of

41. Disorders

southeast

- 67. Tax collector
- 68. Cassia tree

CLUES DOWN

- 1. One-time Aaron Rodgers

- valuables

- 10. Mountain in NE Greece
- 11. A daughter or your
- 12. German surname
- 14. Having more than one

- 21. Makes less hot
- 23. Gas diffusion electrode
- 25. Former CIA
- 26. Set an example for others
- 27. Support of a particular

person

- 29. One from the Big Apple
- 30. Mountain range
- 32. Violate the sanctity of something
- 34. Supervises flying
- 35. Talks
- 37. Persian male given name
- 40. Born of
- 42. Forcibly take one's possessions
- 43. Discounts
- 47. Knockouts
- 49. Posh Colorado destination
- 50. Form of therapy
- 52. British rock band
- 53. Type of virus (abbr.)
- 55. The U. of Miami mascot is one
- 56. Volcanic crater
- 57. Middle Eastern nation
- 58. Sinn __, Irish organization
- 59. Ethiopian lake
- 61. Bits per inch (abbr.) 65. Equally

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(March 21 - April 20)



(April 21 - May 21)



Make finances a priority this week, Taurus. A bit of budgeting could ease some of the financial stress that has been affecting you lately. Indulge in a small luxury as a reward for hard work.

(May 22 - June 21)



Conversations could be interesting this week, Gemini. You're curious about what others do when they are home behind closed doors. Don't pry too much.

CANCER

(June 22 - July 22)



Cancer, nurture your relationships this week, particularly if work has garnered most of your attention of late. Pay attention to your own needs, too, and enjoy some relaxation.

LEO

(July 23 - August 23)

Employ your natural charisma to forge new connections and network at upcoming events, Leo. You are good at sharing ideas and expressing vourself with confidence.

VIRGO

(August 24 - September 22)

Tackle one job at a time and focus on what is important to get done this week, Virgo. It can be easy to get side-tracked by side projects. Or that might be your way to procrastinate.

LIBRA

(September 23 - October 23)



Libra, surround yourself with positive influences this week. You want others supporting you at every turn while you take on an important project that comes up.

SCORPIO

(October 24 - November 22)

Use your intense focus and attention to detail to delve into projects that require those specific skills, Scorpio. In fact, someone may ask you to work on a project for these traits.

SAGITTARIUS

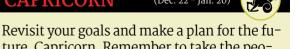
(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)



Embrace the unknown this week. Let yourself get led off in different directions from those you normally travel, Sagittarius. Who knows what you may find along the way?

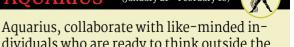
CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)



ture, Capricorn. Remember to take the people closest to you into consideration. Do not trample them in the process of getting ahead.

(January 21 - February 18)



dividuals who are ready to think outside the box. It is amazing what you can accomplish when you multiply your power.

PISCES

(February 19 - March 20)

You might need to warm up before the creative energy starts to flow, Pisces. Don't worry, once you have the right inspiration, things will begin moving at a rapid pace.

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

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If you are experiencing suicidal thoughts, you need to know that you're not alone. You can also call if you are not in crisis, seeking additional information. The new Canada Suicide Prevention Service (CSPS), by Crisis Services Canada, enables callers anywhere in

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WOMBANIA

by PETER MARINACCI





RCMP ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Swan Hills RCMP respond to house explosion

an explosion. Prelimi- injuries.

nary information suggested that the cause was likely a gas leak. On December 2, at The residence did not approximately 3:55 have any occupants. a.m., Swan Hills Multiple homes and RCMP and emergen- vehicles in the surcy services attended round area sustained a residence, located damages. At this time on Pan Am Street, for there are no reported





Awaiting a special guest



The large, wooden nativity scene in front of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church is awaiting a special little visitor, who won't make his grand arrival until Christmas Day. The detailed art pieces are worth a drive up the parking lot for a closer view.



HOLIDAY SCHEDULE TRANSFER STATIONS & WASTE COLLECTION

TRANSFER STATIONS: Anselmo, Doris Creek, Goose Lake

Open

Saturday, December 28, 2024 Sunday, December 29, 2024 Tuesday, December 31, 2024

Closed

Tuesday, December 24, 2024 Wednesday, December 25, 2024 Wednesday, January 1, 2025

WASTE COLLECTION Fort Assiniboine Holiday Pickup

No Change to schedule for pick ups

Monday, December 16, 2024 • Monday, December 23, 2024 • Monday, December 30, 2024

Blue Ridge Holiday Pickup

Friday, December 20, 2024 • Tuesday, December 31, 2024 • Friday, January 3, 2025







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These cookies are made from a stiff dough that is rolled out and cut into shapes.

Answer: Rolled cookies

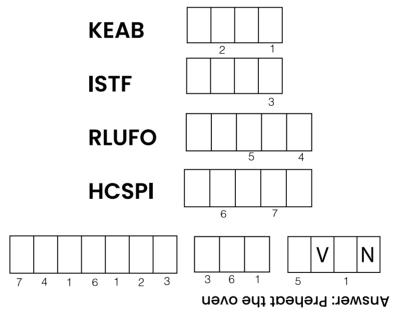
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Unscramble the words to reveal the sentence.





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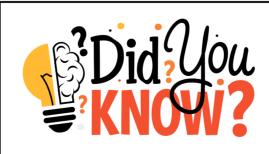
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The High Level
Bridge (Edmonton)
opens, with two
lanes of traffic on
the lower deck, and
two streetcar tracks
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English: Flour Spanish: Harina Italian: Farina French: Farine German: Mehl



Food historians trace gingerbread back to the ancient Egyptians, who used it for ceremonial purposes. The ancient Greeks came up with the first gingerbread recipe.





Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Jelly thumbprint cookie





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Thu., Dec. 12 Mainly sunny S 5 km/h



Fri., Dec. 13 Sunny 10% 1°C -11°C W 15 km/h



Sat., Dec. 14 Mainly sunny 40% -8°C -11°C

E 11 km/h

Sun., Dec. 15 Cloudy with flurries 60% -9°C -13°C W 6 km/h

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How the Community Lunch Box feeds the community's kids





The Community Lunch Box Society recently showed what a typical week of food delivery looks like for the non-profit. On Monday and Wednesday last week, a Lunch Box crew picked up food items for local stores and delivered them to seven schools, and several program providers, including the Whitecourt and District Public Library and the BGC (Boys and Girls Club). Kids definitely learn better on a full stomach.

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