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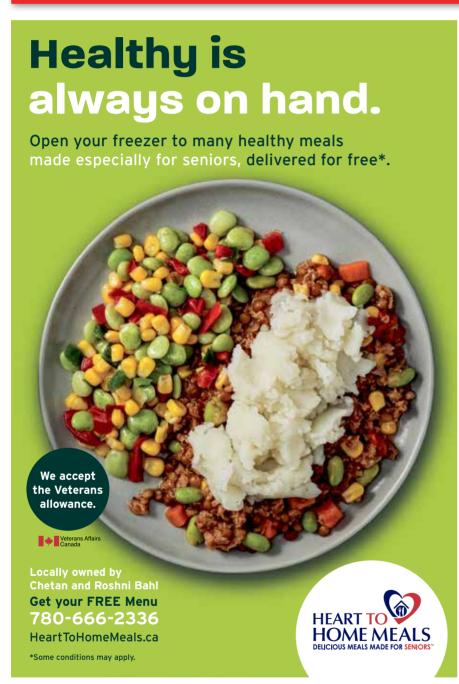
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A great ending to the regular season, with the post-season coming up next



The regular season of the AJHL has now wrapped. The Whitecourt Wolverines are in a great spot heading into the postseason. Pictured is McPherson between two Kodiaks.

By Serena Lapointe

That's a wrap, folks! The regular season has closed after two big games for the White-court Wolverines at JDA Place. Over 600 fans attended the game on Friday night against Drayton Valley. The Thunder will not be in the playoffs this year, as only the top four from each division make it.

With a tie in the works between the Wolverines in the north and the Calgary Canucks in the south, Drayton was in a spoiler role with the chance to foil the Wolverines' plan to get to first over-

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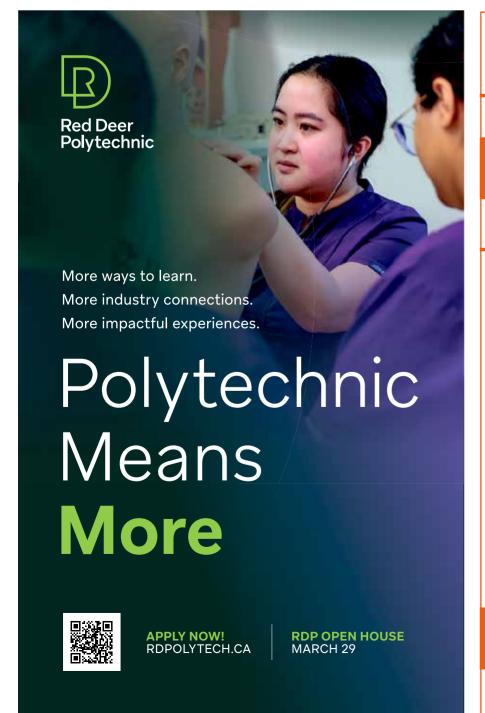


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Whitecourt shines for grants, contracts and sponsorship successes in 2024



Last year, the Allan and Jean Millar Centre was busy with birthday parties, holding a whopping 250 celebrations. During a recent Woodlands County Council meeting, council members heard from the Community Services arm of the Town of Whitecourt how grant dollars and sponsorships are a significant part of its functions. Food is largely made possible thanks to donations and grants.

By Serena Lapointe

Snagging grants is something the Town of Whitecourt has mastered. The Community Services Department, headed by Director Chelsea Grande, applies for many grant opportunities every year any means. and is often successful for the betterment munity Support Serof the community. On vices alone, there were March 12, her team, including Angela Mitchell, Manager of Family Community Support Services (FCSS) and Kelly Sadoway, Manager of Recreation. provided Woodlands County Council with a vearly report of the goings on in the department in 2024. Randy Feist, Manager of Facilities, was unable to attend the presentation.

A new part of the report, added this year, highlighted the grants, sponsorships and contracts obtained by the department. Grande explained that those dollars make Whitecourt unique, as the municipality goes after a lot of outside dollars, and the amount received in 2024 was not small by

Under Family Comover one million in grants and contracts in 2024, with roughly \$1,050,000 supporting various programs. "There's about a million dollars of services that residents have access to that are fully funded from sources other than the municipality. These have allowed us to do quite a bit. Our residents (can) access a million dollars in extra services that aren't from municipal funding, and that's just from having contracts,

grants and donations," explained Grande.

The Family Support Program, through the Children and Family Services (Family Resource Network), received nearly half a million dollars. The annual grant for Children & Family Services for over \$130,000. Other funding boosts included \$276.683 from the Minister of Seniors. Community and Social Services and \$76,067 from the United Way through Alberta Healthy Aging for a newly started Social Prescribing program.

A service under the Family Community Support Services umbrella, the Whitecourt Food Bank, does what it does thanks to the generous donations received from the com-

there." The grant also en-

> Under recreation,

munity, which in 2024 totalled over \$120,000. Last year, \$80,000 of grant funding was successfully attained to help fund food bank operations. The community's support and grants are integral as the food bank saw a 27 percent increase in clientele last year compared to 2023.

Under facility management, grants played a significant role in helping replace two aging pieces: the McLeod roof and the boiler at the Allan & Jean Millar Centre. "The replacement of the McLeod roof was a highlight in 2024. We were able to secure an energy grant through MCCAC to do that. It was in the life cycle plan to be replaced but the costs came in higher. We were able to do two things with (the grant): replace (the roof) but also make it more energy efficient," explained Grande.

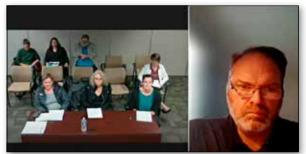
She said users have since commented that it's warmer in the Mc-Leod rink, making for a more enjoyable experience while using the facility. "So, not only were we able to get something done that needed to be done, but it's also helping with operations because we will be reducing our costs with utilities, and the users are finding it much more enjoyable

to use cold water to flood the rinks, reducing the energy needed. "Users have indicated that the ice quality is better with that," added Grande. The grant for the roof replacement and REALice system was \$177,583. As for the boiler replacement, Grande explained that they applied for the same energy grant through MCCAC to get dollars to replace the boiler at the AJMC to the tune of \$167.631.

sponsorship was a big theme. Last year, nearly \$55,000 in monetary sponsorship was raised towards the community's Party in the Park Festival, with even more in- kind donations. The event also received a grant worth \$22,800 through the Federal Government's **Building Communities** through Arts and Heritage Program.

Sponsorship tinues to support the community when it comes to facilities, including areas throughout the Allan & Jean Millar Centre that local companies have put their names on. including the running track (Rotary), hot tub (GFI Solutions), fieldhouse (Complete Projects), meeting room (Crown and Anchor Pub), waterslide (Fast Mechanical), free Wi-Fi (Whitecourt Communications), and FITstudio (Alberta Newsprint Company), aquatic centre (Pembina Gas Infrastructure) and the Go Active Zone (McDonalds court). Dollars attained through non-municipal streams, meaning not through municipal taxes, past or present, means rising costs can either be absorbed without increasing fees

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The Community Services guests (left) and Councillor Burrows who called in.



the Family Violence abled a REALice Sys- Director Grande (left), Manager Mitchelle Initiative received just tem, which allows staff and Manager Sadoway.



Councillor Kuelken spoke very highly of the Community Services group.

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to residents or programs and services can be expanded, offering more opportunities to the area. Grande reiterated that utilizing grant dollars, as Whitecourt does, is unique.

Following their presentation at the Wood-

lands County meeting, Councillor Peter Kuelken provided kudos to the group. "Thank you for the work you guys do. This is probably the most valuable work that municipalities can get involved in, and part of that is the reason why I believe in social and economic development," he began.

He said the data within the report was interesting. "The beauty of this is that because you do what you do in your communities, and we do what we do in our communities, we are seeing the value of what human connec-

tion (and) the empathy that has to go with the development of these programs. What I liked about it is that it shows us the negative side, that the food bank is being used more. But it also shows us the positive side of what you're doing, which is engaging our youth

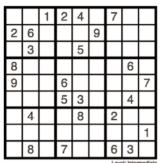
at social events so that they actually become grounded here," commented Kuelken.

"This is part of what we really need to start to do as municipal governments, start working together on not just these things but our whole regional ideals. What is it that we want it to look like? And you guys are starting to provide the groundwork for that, and I really, truly appreciate it."



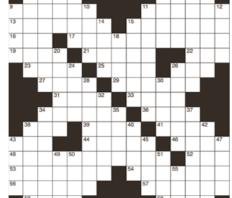
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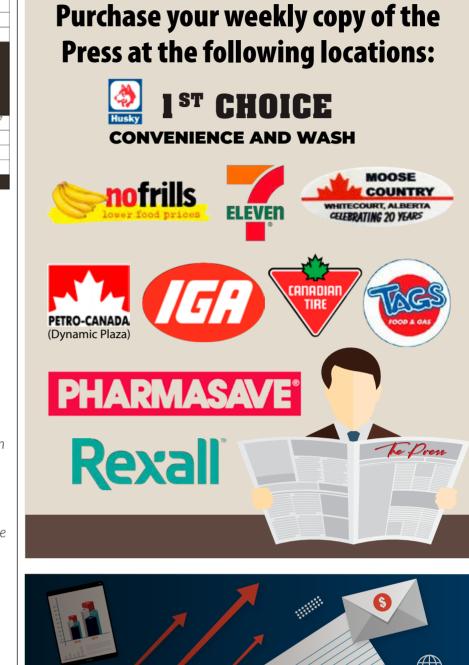
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- 5. One's superior
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- 11. Tighten anew
- 13. Type of textile fiber
- 15. Animalistic
- 16. When you hope to get somewhere
- 17. Offender
- 19. Former NYC mayor Ed
- 21. Type of
- cryptocurrency 22. Mauna __, Hawaiian
- volcano 23. Herring-like fish
- 25. Popular PBS
- program 26. Congressman (abbr.)
- 27. Flightless Australian birds
- 29. Defrosted
- 31. Prior Yankee
- sensation Kevin
- 33. Nasal mucus 34. Some are southern
- 36. A place to construct
- 38. Popular beer brand
- 39. Shouts of farewell
- 41. Network of nerves

- 43. Make a mistake
- 44. Showed old movie
- 46. Body parts
- 48. A divisor
- 52. Congressional investigatory body
- 53. Papers
- 54. Most unnatural 56. Judge the worth of
- something
- 57. Makes sounds while sleeping
- 58. Which
- 59. Hungarian Violinist **CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Pages
- 2. Head pain
- 3. A loud utterance
- 4. Large brown
- seaweed 5. Hulu's chef Carmine
- 6. Greek mountain
- 7. Made final 8. Bar
- 9. Tai subgroup
- 10. What you eat
- 11. Teaches again
- 12. Small constellation
- 14. Type of berry 15. Cows fattened for
- meat

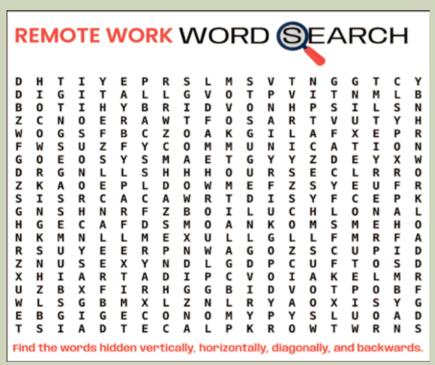
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- 24. About two
- earn
- coconut husk
- 32. Digits
- 37. Furniture with open
- 40. Satisfy

- 50. Light precipitation
- 51. Ribosomal

- 26. Long upholstered
- 28. What employees
- 30. Fiber from a
- 34. Polish by rubbing
- 35. Liquid body substances
- shelves
- 38. Edible part of a chicken
- 42. Tool used to remove
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A tandem jump.

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all in the league.

In the first, the two teams traded goals. Wolverine Travis Verbeek struck first, scoring his thirteenth of the season, assisted by Spencer Claerhout and Marcello Giorgi. Less than a minute later, Drayton tied it off the stick of Caedem Emmet. In the second, neither team could get on the scoreboard, aside from each serving one penalty. The game remained tied, 1-1.

In the final period, the Wolverines came out roaring. Jack Pollock started the push, scoring his second goal, assisted by Marcello Giorgi and Travis Verbeek. Five minutes later, Dylan Ruptash scored his twenty-fourth goal, the second-highest goal scorer for the team in the regular season.

With less than a min-

ute left, the Thunder pulled their goalie, hoping to get back into the game. Braden Keeble put a quash on that almost immediately, scoring his eighteenth, assisted by Jalen Bianchet (his thirtieth) and Travis Verbeek (his twenty-third). The Wolverines took the win 4-1.

Less than twenty-four hours later, the Wolverines were back on the ice for their final game of the 2024/2025 regular season with over 600 fans inside JDA Place. Unlike the Drayton Valley Thunder, who are not in the postseason, the Camrose Kodiaks are in the playoffs, coming in fourth in the southern division.

At the first drop of the puck, the game was playoff-like, with both teams pushing hard. Just like the game the night before, the Wolverines scored first,



Russell and Kim heading in to score.

with Mason Russell snagging his fifth, assisted by Tim Kim. Twenty-one seconds later, the Kodiaks tied it up, ending the period 1-1.

In the second period, the Camrose Kodiaks gave the Wolverines three chances on the man advantage, with three penalties, one for high sticking and two for tripping, but the home team couldn't find the back of the net. Towards the end of the period, the Kodiaks squeezed one past Wolverine goalie Elliott Pratt, taking the lead 2-1

In the final frame of the game, the Wolverines snapped back into action, unleashing three unanswered goals against the Kodiaks. Ty Rayan was first assisted by Mason

Russell and Tim Kim. The second goal was an especially exciting one. Jalen Bianchet ended up with a penalty shot, with the chance to give his team back the lead. He did not miss. The crowd was energized and cheering loudly, following his beauty of a goal. In the final seconds, with nothing in his way, Travis Verbeek rocketed the puck into the Kodiak's net for an empty net goal. The Wolverines won 4-2.

The top goal-getter of the regular season is Jalen Bianchet, with twenty-five goals, eleven more than he got last season. For assists, Wolverine Joey Vetrano takes the cake, with 34 assists in his first AJHL season. The top five players for points are Jalen Bianchet (55), Braden Keeble (47),



Battling for the puck.

Dylan Ruptash (45), Joey Vetrano (45) and Travis Verbeek (37). The top four rookies this season were Kyle Tucker, Tyler Rowland, Ty Rayan and Mason Russell. Tucker led rookies with points (23), and Rowland led with assists (17).

For the team, the Wolverines tied the Lloydminster Bobcats league-wide for having the longest winning streak of the season, with nine games between October 9 and November 5. On the flip side, the Wolverines are also tied. league-wide, with the Calgary Canucks for having the shortest losing streak, with three games between January 3 and January 8.

The Whitecourt Wolverines ended the 2024/2025 regular

season in first place in the AJHL North Division with 78 points, eleven points over the second-place team, the Grande Prairie Storm. The Wolverines finished tied for points with the southern champ, the Calgary Canucks, who also landed at 78. The Devon Xtreme finished the season in last place in the league with 26 points.

The Wolverines take on the fourth-place team in the north, the Fort McMurray Oil Barons, to kickstart the playoffs at home on Friday, March 21 and Saturday, March 22. If more games are needed following the first four, game five will be at home on Friday, March 28, and game seven will be at home on Tuesday, April 1.



Racing down the ice, side by side.



Kim pointing at Russell to thank him for a sick pass.



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Fri., March 21
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30%
8°C
-4°C

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Sat., March 22
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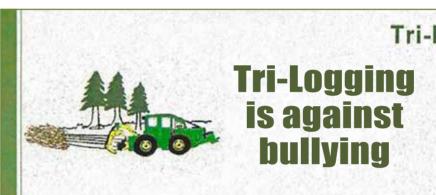
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If you know of any male requiring assistance, please Call Lorne's Blanket at 780-778-0952



24/7 CRISIS LINE 780 .778.6209

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FAMILY RESOURCE & CRISIS CENTRE

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Shelter:

Wellspring Provides a Safe, Short Term, Supportive Residential Environment for Women With or Without Children, Fleeing Family Violence & Experiencing Crisis.

Outreach Support Program:

Ongoing Support, Advocacy, Follow-Up & Support Groups for Women, Men and Youth in Whitecourt and Surrounding

Child Support Program:

Child Care & After School Programs - Age Appropriate Programs & Support for Children Who Have Been Affected By Family Violence

Preventative Education:

Provides Workshops, Information and Awareness to Schools, Community Organizations, Agencies and Businesses

Family Resource & Crisis Centre

www.whitecourtshelter.ca

Support group on Tuesdays 6:30pm - 8:30 pm. Our next series starts Tuesday, February 4 at Crossroads Community Church, 4419 44 Ave, Mayerthorpe. \$35 includes 12 weekly sessions. Pre-register by calling 780-786-2533.

Whitecourt Alcoholics Anonymous Group



Meetings are three times each week

Monday 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Wednesday 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm

8:00 pm - 9:00 pm Friday

New Women's AA Group on Saturdays @11 am

Located at the United Church Basement 5201 - 50 St

Please Leave a Message for AA member (780)424-5900

or Contact Addictions Helpline @1(866)332-2322



PUBLIC NOTICE



TAKE PART! GIVE BACK! **Opportunity for Public Participation**

The Town is recruiting citizens to fill a volunteer position on an Advisory Board. Board members provide Town Council with perspective and recommendations regarding important civic issues. Whitecourt is a diverse, growing town, and citizens are in the best position to provide input on our changing community needs. Get involved! It's your town. Share your knowledge and meet new colleagues.

Community Services Advisory Board

"To create a healthy, strong community by meeting the leisure and social needs of the community."

(1) Member – term to expire in October 2027

Applications will be accepted from residents of Whitecourt or the Woodlands County agreement area.

If being on a Council Committee interests you, please complete an application form which can be found on the Whitecourt website at https://www.whitecourt.ca/your-town/ mayor-council/public-participation or picked up at the Town Office. Applications must be received before 12:00 noon, Monday, April 7, 2025 to:

Whitecourt Town Administration Office Attention: Executive Assistant 5004 - 52 Avenue, Box 509 WHITECOURT, AB T7S 1N6 email: administration@whitecourt.ca

Applications will be presented to Town Council at the April 14, 2025 Regular Meeting.

You can also scan the QR code for a direct link to the application form:



Questions?

Contact our Administration Department at 780.778.2273 or email administration@whitecourt.ca.

COMMUNITY CLEAN UP PROGRAM FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY

The Town of Whitecourt is seeking non-profit organizations to perform refuse pickup duties within the community, including highway ditches and boulevards. The refuse pickup schedule will run throughout April to the end of October (weather permitting). At least one group is needed for July and one group for August.

To qualify for the program, groups must provide a written request to the Town, outlining how the funds would be used, confirming dates that the group would be available to perform the work, and providing an address and phone number for two group representatives.

Please note: All those participating in clean-up activities must be 9 years of age or older. All groups awarded projects under the Community Clean-Up Program will be required to abide by all current public health guidelines. Information on protocols will be provided to groups prior to performing scheduled refuse pick up duties.

Groups must provide a minimum of 12 volunteers, with at least one adult for every two youth (aged 9 to 17 years); Applicants can submit a proposal to complete between 50 and 100 hours of service; the time commitment must be confirmed prior to approval. Approved applicants shall receive \$12.00 for each hour of service, and total allocations for the program will be based on the annual budget.

For further details, please contact the Infrastructure Services Department at 780-778-2705.

Written letters of application must be received at the following address by 12:00 noon on Monday, April 7:

TOWN OF WHITECOURT Re: Community Clean Up Program Application Box 509, 5004 - 52 Avenue WHITECOURT, AB T7S 1N6

Fax: 780-778-2408

E-Mail: cathysudderdean@whitecourt.ca

NOTICE OF DECISION

The following decision was made by the Municipal Planning Commission:

Application 25-005: 14 Feero Drive - Discretionary Use Home Occupation, Family Day Home - Approved with conditions.

Date of Decision: March 13, 2025 Appeal Closes at 4:00pm: March 31, 2025

An Appeal of the above decision may be made by submitting a written appeal and appeal fee (\$310) 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.

The following decision was made by the Development Authority:

Application 25-006: 39 Riverdale Bend – Administrative Variance to Reduce West Yard Setback from 4.0m to 3.3m – Approved with conditions.

Date of Decision(s): March 10, 2025 Appeal Closes at 4:00pm: March 31, 2025

An Appeal of the above decision may be made by submitting a written appeal and appeal fee (\$310) 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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DUST CONTROL

Residents who wish dust control applied adjacent to their property can submit an application to Woodlands County beginning March 15th until May 1st.

Rates for dust control are as follows:

- \$425 + GST for 100 metres
- \$750 + GST for 200 metres
- \$4.25/metre + GST for any dust suppression application over 100 or 200 metres

Application forms and more information about dust control are available at woodlands.ab.ca/p/dust-control

Please submit an application prior to Thursday, May 1, 2025:

Application forms are also available at:

Woodlands County Municipal Office #1 Woodlands Lane Whitecourt AB T7S 1N3 Telephone: 780-778-8400 Fax: 780-778-8402

Woodlands County Regional Municipal Office P.O. Box 33 Fort Assiniboine AB TOG 1A0 Telephone: 780-584-3866

Fax: 780-584-3988

PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE WITH DEBIT, VISA, MASTERCARD, CHEQUE OR CASH AT EITHER COUNTY OFFICE

WOODLANDS COUNTY RFQS, RFPS AND TENDERS AVAILABLE

Woodlands County is seeking quotations for the following projects:

Vegetation Control – Right of Way Mowing

Detailed information on the proposals are available on the Woodlands County website: https://woodlands.ab.ca/p/rfps-and-tenders

Woodlands County reserves the right to waive informalities in, or reject any or all tenders, or accept the tender deemed most favourable in the interest of the County.







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Whitecourt celebrates local volunteers

Whitecourt is now accepting nominations to the 2025 Volunteer Awards Program – and we want to hear from you! Tell us who is making a difference in our community by recognizing them with a nomination.

"Part of what makes Whitecourt so special

is the willingness of our residents to step up and help out," stated Whitecourt Mayor Tom Pickard. "Residents and organizations offer their time. knowledge and skills to a variety of worthy causes, and this program is just one way for us to recognize

their work and show our appreciation."

The Whitecourt Volunteer Award Program launched four years ago and recognizes individuals, corporations agencies/groups in five different award categories. This year. the winner of each category will be announced

during the Volunteer Celebration Lunch scheduled for April 28 during National Volunteer Week.

If you know of someone or an organization that has gone above and beyond, please nominate them by filling out the online form at www.volunteerwhitecourt.ca. The nomination deadline is April 22, 2025.

Whitecourt Volunteer Hub

The Town of Whitecourt recognizes how important volunteers are in our community. In 2024, Whitecourt launched www.volunteerwhitecourt.ca – an

online volunteer recruitment site that helps local organizations find volunteers, and helps volunteers find meaningful opportunities to lend their time. The site also provides resources volunteer organizations, including links to funding and training opportunities.



Money Matters

One Canadian Dollar = 0.69 US Dollar at an exchange rate of 0.6934 (using nominal rate).



Dollar Values as of March 19, 2025



HELP WANTED

Tim Hortons in Whitecourt is looking to fill the following positions:

> Food Service Attendant Full Time / Shift Work

Food Service Supervisor Full Time / Shift Work

SHIFT INCENTIVE FOR OVERNIGHTS

Please apply in person at the restaurant.



4331-52 Ave Unit 1 Whitecourt, AB

4216 Elko Drive Whitecourt, AB

Letter to the Editor policy

The Press welcomes readers to write letters to the Editor. A maximum of 300 words is preferred but not necessary. Letters must carry a first name or two initials with surname and include an address and daytime telephone number. All letters are subject to editing. Please email letters to wctpress@gmail.com.



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Contact

Valerie Winger at 780-706-1858 Email: wctpress@telus.net



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Fireguard underway



The work on Whitecourt's fireguard is chugging along. A big pile of trees and equipment were spotted just past Ecole St. Joseph's School in the cleared area at the end of McIlwaine Drive. The fireguard extends along the eastern boundary of the community, from Highway 43 down past the school, providing major support for crews should a wildfire get close. Pictured are trees from the fireguard project.







Join the 2025 Census Team!

Meet your neighbours while engaging in valuable community work.

Learn More & Apply:

woodlands.ab.ca/p/census

Apply Online: woodlands.ab.ca/p/census

Eagle River Casino & Travel Plaza

Now Hiring Food & Beverage Supervisor

DUTIES AND REPONSIBILITIES

- · Actively promotes an environment conducive to high quality customer service and employee relations by being a positive leadership example.
- Assist for scheduling, disciplinary actions, training and mentoring for staff of food and beverage
- · Inventory each month
- Work with Marketing & Advertising to promote the food & beverage outlets.
- Understand security requirements.
- · Ensure maintenance of safety and sanitation standards and policies
- · Provide overall direction, coordination, and ongoing evaluation of operations.
- Understand basic asset management.
- Must be able to work other duties assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

- 4-5 years' experience in the Food & Beverage · 3-4 years demonstrated experience in supervisory
- within the Food & Beverage Industry.
- · Experience in a casino setting preferred. • Post secondary education in a related field
- preferred but not required. · Training in management and employee
- development preferred but not required. · Continuous training and education to keep
- abreast of changes in the industry and external environment. Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- · Ability to meet deadlines in a rapidly changing business environment.
- · Ability to work independently.
- Extensive food & beverage knowledge and ability to develop and apply practices, procedures, and principles in a casino environment.
- · Developed writing skills sufficient to prepare written materials involving detailed descriptions and explanations requiring the accurate use of

· We are in the people business and therefore it is part of everyone's job to actively provide customer service. This means that for every customer that comes in, you will attempt to make eye contact, greet and welcome to our business. This also means that you must always be attentive to the customer's needs so there are no undue delays and we will serve our customers in a cheerful and efficient manner. Our service attitude also implies and obligation to each other. We must greet and acknowledge each other in a sincere professional way. And seek to assist each other wherever practical, thereby demonstrating that success is a shared experience among our teams. Excellent customer relations and team work are essential part of every job in this environment.

specialized terminology.

- Self-planning skills sufficient to schedule, organize, and carry out work assignments according to established work plans, adjusting work schedules according to changing priorities.
- Developed judgment and problem solving skills sufficient to interpret and/or analyze factual and conceptual information with the ability to adapt general procedures or approaches when formulating responses to problems.
- · Manages workload independently, and works well in teams.
- Develops security and systems knowledge through on the job experience.
- · Must display leadership skills, the ability to multitask and adjust to multiple jurisdictions.
- Smart Training course, preserve, deal US in phase
- Must be able to provide RCMP security clearance
- · Working knowledge of MS Word, MS Excel, MS

PowerPoint.

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How to Apply: Send resume to HR@eaglerivercasino.ca, mail or fax



Eagle River Casino & Travel Plaza

Restaurant Assistant Manager NOC 60030

REPONSIBILITIES

- · Plan, organize, direct, control and evaluate the operations of a restaurant, bar, or other food or beverage service
- Determine type of services to be offered and implement operational procedures
- Recruit staff and oversee staff training
- Set staff work schedules and monitor staff performance
- Control inventory, monitor
- revenues and modify procedures and prices
- Resolve customer complaints and ensure health and safety regulations are followed
- Negotiate arrangements with suppliers for food and other supplies
- Negotiate arrangements with clients for catering or use of facilities for banquets or receptions.

QUALIFICATIONS

- · Completion of a college or other program related to hospitality or food and beverage service management is usually required.
- Responsible beverage service certification is usually required

for managers of establishments serving alcoholic beverages.

 Several years of experience in the food service sector, including supervisory experience, are required.

3 – 4 years. **Experience: Education:**

Completion of secondary school is usually required. Terms of Employment: Permanent

full-time 44-hour work week.

English Language:

Employment Conditions:

Benefits Package:

Shift work, Day, Evenings, Weekends, Holidays, Nights. Wage: \$26.00/hour Vision, Dental, and Health after a 90-day probation period. Location: Twp.Rd.602A, Hwy 32 North, Whitecourt, AB Canada. **Address:**

Eagle River Casino & Travel Plaza P.O Box 10 Whitecourt, Alberta Canada T7S-1N3. Contact: 780-779-2727 or Fax 780-706-7451

Visit our Website: www.eaglerivercasino.ca

How to Apply:

Send resume to HR@eaglerivercasino.ca,

mail or fax.



Eagle River Casino & Travel Plaza Now Hiring Cashiers NOC 65100

REPONSIBILITIES

- Greet customers
- Receive and process payments by cash, cheque, credit card, or automatic debit
- Provide information to customers
- Calculate foreign currency exchange
- Calculate total payments received at end of work shift and reconcile with total sales
- · Verify the age of customers when selling lottery tickets, alcohol or tobacco products
- Operate cash register
- Process money, cheques, and credit/debit

QUALIFICATIONS

Language:

Wage:

Location:

Contact:

- Some secondary school education is usually required. High school graduation may be required by some employers.
- Eligibility for bonding may be required.
- A casino gaming license may

- card payments
- Scan Items
- Tabulate total payment for goods or services required
- Receive payment for goods or services
- Calculate daily/shift payments received and reconcile them with total sales
- Suggestive selling
- Provide excellent customer service
- · Assist customers with self-service items
- Participate in promotional activities

be required for cashiers working in gambling

- Must be able to complete Smart training
- courses Must be able to complete AML

2 – 3 years, or we will train.

Experience: Some post-secondary, high school may **Education:**

require.

Terms of Employment: Permanent full-time 40-hour work week.

English

Employment Conditions: Shift work, Day, Evenings, Weekends,

Holidays, Nights. \$15.00 per hour.

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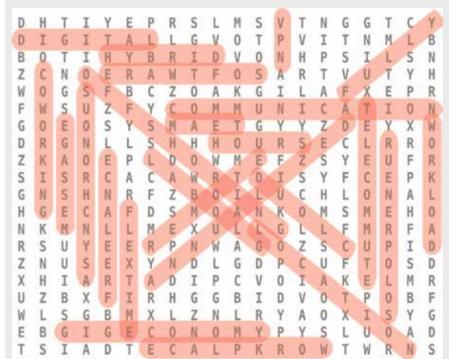
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