



VERHAEGHE  
LAW OFFICE

780-778-6644

Real Estate, Wills & Estates, Family Law, Corporate & Commercial Law

5011-51 Ave, Whitecourt, AB. T7S 1P7

info@freedomlaw.ca

www.freedomlaw.ca



FREE TAKE ONE!



# The Press

COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

Locally Owned & Operated

Vol. 14 - Issue 9 | Wednesday, March 5, 2025

## Numerous community groups have received impactful dollars through FCSS funding over the years

Easy is always  
on hand.

Open your freezer to many easy meals made especially for seniors, delivered for free\*.



Locally owned by  
Chetan & Roshni Bahl  
Get your FREE Menu  
780-666-2336  
HeartToHomeMeals.ca

\*Some conditions may apply.



Photos by Town of Whitecourt

A group of happy recipients in 2019.



One of the grants that supports community groups in providing services to residents, the Family and Community Support Services, was recently doled out to three eligible organizations. Nearly \$19,000 was provided, enabling the orchestration of three projects. Pictured is The Community Lunchbox staff accepting their funding check from Mayor Pickard.

By Serena Lapointe

Since the fall of 2010, numerous community groups have received funding from the Town of Whitecourt through the Family and Community Support Services Grant Program (FCSS). Funding through the program is partially split between

the Alberta government and communities taking part, with the province kicking in eighty percent.

Dollars are doled out early each year, following an application window in the fall/winter of the previous year. The primary focus is helping support

community groups that want to provide social-related programs that have a preventive component and fall under the mandates of FCSS.

Mandates include helping people become self-reliant and resil-

continued on page 2



Patrick Carew

780-778-0053

pdcarew@telus.net

Just a phone call  
away from your  
home buying and  
selling needs.

RE/MAX  
advantage (Whitecourt)

5114-50 Street, Whitecourt AB 780-778-6678  
Each office independently owned and operated







**For all open career opportunities,  
please check out our website at  
albertanewsprint.com → Careers.**

Photos by Town of Whitecourt



**The Stepping Stones Early Learning Society was one of the 2023 recipients.**

**continued from page 1**

ient while promoting and supporting residents in building positive social relationships and becoming socially engaged and contributing community members. The mandate aims to get and keep people active in their community and empower residents to highlight social issues and become influencers of change.

Over the last six years, over \$150,000 has been given to groups to fulfill the mandate, benefitting community members from various walks of life. In 2019, six deserving community groups received dollars for their programs, including Challenger Baseball, which received just under \$5,000. Challenger Baseball is a program

for children with cognitive or physical disabilities. Funding received supported participants and their families.

Another recipient that year was Lorne's Blanket, which received \$4,268 towards hiring a Client Navigator. Lorne's Blanket is a transitional space for men over 18 facing homelessness in the community. Other recipients included the McLeod River Primary Care Network, the Whitecourt Pregnancy Group, Twice is Nice and the Community Lunch Box. All said and done, in 2019, \$50,000 went out into the community to support programming.

In 2022, the Whitecourt Indigenous Friends Society received \$8,500 to host a two-day workshop for men. The Talking Stick

Workshop, facilitated by Brad and Candice Seneca of the Buffalo Keeper Niheyaw Centre, proved successful thanks to the funding. A talking stick is an Aboriginal tool used to regulate dialogue. The one with the stick has the floor to speak, promoting participation.

The West Yellowhead Pregnancy Care Centre is another group that received funding in 2022, with just over \$11,000. They put the dollars towards program operations and training for their staff and volunteer workforce. One year previous, in 2021, Soaring Eagle Support Services received just over \$13,000 in funding, with just shy of \$30,000 going out in funding that year, spread amongst four recipients.

Four groups applied

for funding this year, with twenty thousand up for grabs in the 2025 Operating Budget: The Community Lunch Box Society, Wellspring Family Resource and Crisis Centre, McLeod River Primary Care Network and Soaring Eagle Support Society.

Director of Community Services Chelsea Grande explained how the funding works during the January 21 Regular Meeting of Council. "The Family and Community Support Services Grant Program funds preventative social services. Eligible expenses include funding for programming, program operations and funding to support volunteer training, coordination and supervision.

However, the policy caps volunteer coordination at one-third of the position to a maximum of fifteen dollars per hour."

The Community Services Advisory Board sorts and scores applications and recommends to Council how the grant dollars should be allocated amongst applicants. Grande explained that each eligible application was scored based on five criteria: strategy, residents served, volunteer involvement, overall budget and social return on investment.

Soaring Eagle Support Society requested \$20,750 to enhance outreach services by adding an Outreach Worker to their staff to help support homeless and hard-to-house individuals in the community. Unfortunately, the request did not meet the grant criteria due to a contravention of the Town Land Use Bylaw. Soaring Eagle Support Society operates out of a motel on Highway

43, a C-7 District (commercial). The definition of a motel within the Town bylaw does not match the services offered at the motel, rendering the request ineligible.

The Community Lunch Box applied for \$20,000 to fund volunteer coordination and support.

Grande explained that only one-third of the Volunteer Coordinator wages and half of the volunteer training and development were eligible. Once adequately updated, the Community Lunch Box Society's ask was \$13,860.

The McLeod River Primary Care Network application focused on a project called Living Your Best Life, featuring various workshops on mental health, social engagement and physical wellness, aiming to introduce people to strategies for easier navigation through life. Two of the requests did not meet the require-

ments as they were more recreational: \$5,760 for a Kinesiol- ogist and \$275 for exercise bands. Once ineligible portions were removed, the ask was \$2,544.

Lastly, the Wellspring Family Resource and Crisis Centre applied to update and reprint their keychain resource guide, which highlights services and supports available in the community on one handy keychain. Their request was \$2,200. Since their application was for under \$3,000, the board recommended covering it in its entirety. Whitecourt Town Council voted in favour of the recommendations from the Community Services Advisory Board, approving funding for three of the four applicants totalling \$18,604. Councillor Tara Baker declared a conflict and was not present for the presentation portion of the meeting and did not vote.



**Wellspring Family Resource and Crisis Center received funding this year.**

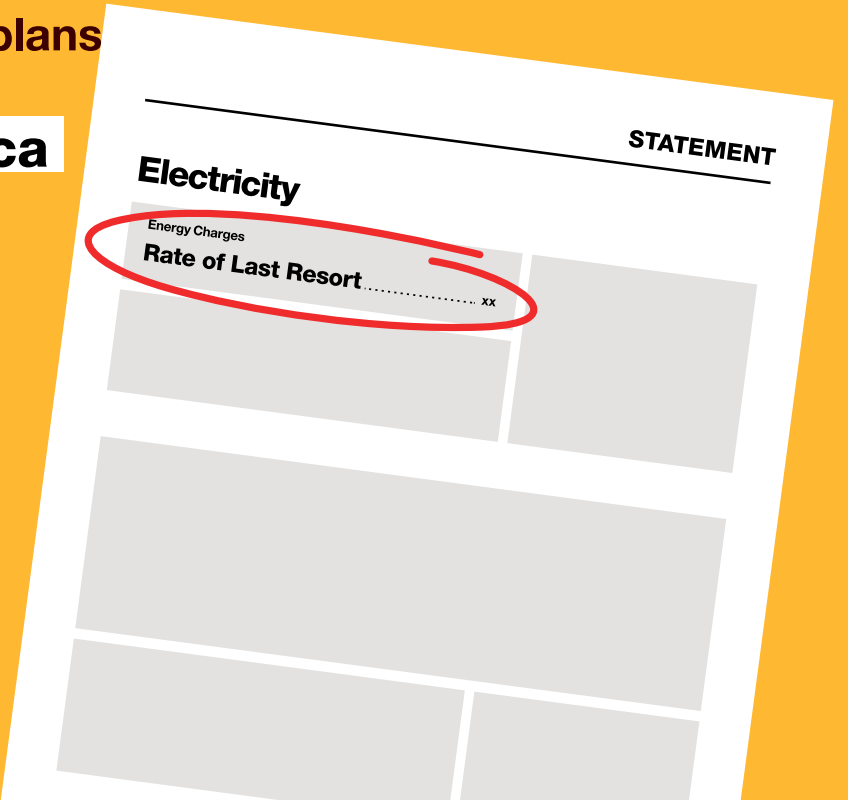



# Check your electricity bill.

If it says the Rate of Last Resort, you could save hundreds per year by switching plans


Explore your options at [UCAhelps.ca](https://UCAhelps.ca)

Alberta





McMan Foster Care




**WHITECOURT  
AND AREA!**

**BECOME A FOSTER  
PARENT...**

**and make a difference  
in the life of a child!**

CONTACT US



780-453-0417

[fostercareedmnorth@mcman.ca](mailto:fostercareedmnorth@mcman.ca)

[www.mcman.ca/become-a-foster-parent](https://www.mcman.ca/become-a-foster-parent)



**ATTENTION LAND  
OWNERS**

---

**SELL YOUR STANDING  
CONIFER, SPRUCE AND PINE!**

(Minimum of 50 – 80 acres)



**CONTACT: JOEL MELANSON**

**587-335-0322**

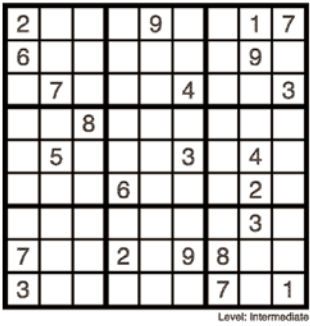
[joel@larrmanagementcorp.ca](mailto:joel@larrmanagementcorp.ca)



SEE SOLUTIONS PAGE 15

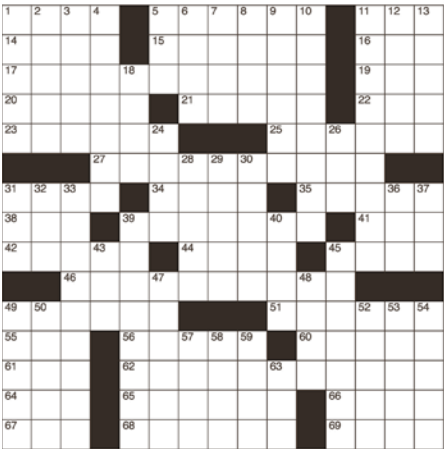
SUDOKU

CROSSWORDS



Fun By The Numbers  
Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:  
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

CLUES ACROSS

1. Cut a little bit off
5. State with confidence
11. River in NE Scotland
14. Not narrow
15. Lacking social polish
16. Amount of time
17. Frame
19. Automobile
20. Toadstools
21. High school dances
22. Utilize
23. Challenged
25. One-sided
27. Showing extreme greed
31. Potted plants
34. Everyone has one
35. Lake in Botswana
38. E.T. rode in one
39. Juniors' parents
41. Small amount
42. Mother of Perseus
44. Ornamental box
45. Gov't investigators
46. Uncertain
49. A cotton fabric with a satiny finish
51. The vast grassy plains in S. America

55. Your consciousness of your own identity
56. Noted consumer advocate
60. Spanish sports club
61. Body part
62. Tractability
64. Woman (French)
65. Ready and willing to be taught

CLUES DOWN

1. Brushed aside
2. Water sprite
3. Ones to look up to
4. Monetary units
5. A number everyone has
6. Marine invertebrate
7. One who takes you to court
8. Indicates outer
9. Parallelograms
10. Strains
11. Cross
12. A way to remove
13. Some pages are dog-\_\_
18. Ukraine city
24. A citizen of Denmark
26. Summer month

- (abbr.)
28. Hindu queens
29. Jewelry brand
30. Fictional rider of Rohan
31. Wet dirt
32. Russian city
33. Observed
36. Furious
37. Drivers' licenses
39. Musical composition
40. Auction
43. They \_\_
45. Women
47. Inspire with love
48. Japanese ankle sock
49. Appears
50. Old World lizard
52. The leading performer
53. Type of protein
54. Pennsylvania town
57. Art \_\_: around 1920
58. \_\_ Blyton, children's author
59. Abnormal breathing
63. A place to sleep
66. Muslim ruler title
67. Depressed
68. Gradually gave way
69. Clear-thinking

SCHOOL NEWS



Whitecourt Central's kindergarten students had an exciting and educational experience as they toured IGA. During the visit, the young learners had the opportunity to discover the important roles of bakers, cake decorators, butchers, grocery staff, and cashiers. The hands-on experience gave them a closer look at the various jobs that help keep the store running smoothly, sparking curiosity and enthusiasm for the world of work!



Ms. Kalisz's Grade 3 class at Pat Hardy School recently learned a fun and engaging new math game that they will have the chance to teach their families during upcoming student-led conferences.

PET SITTER WORD SEARCH



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

WORDS

- BOWL
- CARE
- CAT
- COMPANION
- DOG
- FAMILY
- FEEDING
- HELP
- HOME
- INSTRUCT
- LEASH
- MEDICINE
- OVERNIGHT
- PETS
- REFERENCES
- SITTER
- SNUGGLE
- TRAVELING
- TRUST
- VETERINARIAN
- WALKS
- WELFARE



# MLA Long adds Minister of Infrastructure to his title



Minister Long looking on as Premier Danielle Smith announced his appointment.



Minister Long alongside his colleague, Minister of Justice and Deputy House Leader, Mickey Amery.



Photos by Government of Alberta

Late afternoon on Thursday, February 27, news broke that West Yellowhead MLA Martin Long was selected by Premier Danielle Smith to fill the role of Minister of Infrastructure following the resignation of Peter Guthrie just days prior. In the announcement, Premier Smith said Long was an extremely hard worker, adding, "I have full confidence in his ability to work with me and our cabinet colleagues to deliver on our 8.6 billion school construction plan and our government's priorities." Minister Long, a resident of Woodlands County, previously served as a Parliamentary Secretary for Small Business and Tourism, Small Business, and Rural Health.

The Press

FREE TAKE ONE!  
**The Press**  
COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER  
Vol. 19 - Issue 15 | Wednesday April 1st, 2024  
Locally Owned & Operated

...these six meals TAKE THE CAKE.  
Enjoy our "Customer's Choice" meals for only \$59.80.

Plus! \$59.80  
a FREE slice of any cake  
- such a sweet deal!

Community Development Fund in early stages of discussion in Woodlands County

Get The Press app at Apple AppStore and Google Play

## Gloriana Mae Tshigerl (Herrling) July 6, 1943 – February 1, 2025

With heavy hearts we announce the passing of Gloriana Mae Tshigerl known as Gloria, passed away on Saturday, February 1, 2025 with her loving family by her side.

Gloria found such happiness when she crocheted, Gloria has crocheted over 4000 pairs of slippers for the Repeat Boutique in Whitecourt for the hospital auxiliary (Friends Of Whitecourt). She enjoyed gardening and growing vegetables, she had a small patch of roses she tended, along with a good day of fishing is a day well spent. Gloria took pride in all of her grandchildren, she made a point to go to tournaments, play card games with them and attend family dinners and get togethers. Gloria raised her sons to have a sense of purpose and meaning to everyday, she led by example, and raised them to understand a hard day's work and the benefits. Gloria passion was volunteering in her community of giving back, the hours she spent in service to her



community gave her a purpose and a renewed sense of self.

Gloria will be remembered by her sons, Micheal (Tanya), Terry (Kim), and Dwain (Heather); grandchildren, Steven (Keli), Amy (Brett), Jenna (Brandon), Logan, and Sean (Tiana); great-grandson Ryan; sisters, Denise and Pat (Geroge), along with nieces and nephews.

Gloria was predeceased by her husband, Frederick, her parents, Barbara and Henry Tshigerl and brother-in-law Ed.

The family would like to thank the nurses and staff at the Whitecourt Hospital and Dr. Mustapha for the kind and compassionate care shown to Gloria during her stay.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation made in Gloria's name to the Friends of Whitecourt.

As per Gloria's wish there will not be a formal funeral service, she will be interred with her husband in Blue Ridge Cemetery at a later date.

Condolences may be sent to [www.affinityfuneralservice.ca](http://www.affinityfuneralservice.ca).

Funeral Arrangements in the care of Terri Shimenosky at:

780.778.3330



Affinity Funeral Service

#1 4105 41st Avenue, Whitecourt, Alberta





Wheelchair Accessible

Compassionately serving families in Whitecourt, Mayerthorpe, and surrounding communities since 1941.

WHITECOURT: 780-779-2533 | MAYERTHORPE: 780-786-2533

- Personalized Ceremonies
- Pre-arranged Funeral Plans
- Clergy / Church and Halls
- Obituary Notices

- Reception Catering / Flowers
- Monument Tributes
- Grief Support
- Assistance with CPP Applications



Park Memorial Ltd.

Funeral Home & Crematorium

www.parkmemorial.com

CONSUMER CHOICE AWARD 2024 NORTHERN ALBERTA

14 YEAR

# Can I count on the Canada Pension Plan when I retire?

(NC) The Canada Pension Plan (CPP) has been in place for almost six decades, but there's a persistent – and unfounded – concern among some Canadians that it will not be there for them when they retire.

According to a recent survey, almost 30 per cent of respondents fear CPP benefits will not be available to them in retirement and another 25 per cent are not sure. The survey did not delve into the reasons why, but the concerns expressed by those surveyed could go back to the mid-1990s, when it was estimated that the Canada Pension Plan would not be able to cover benefits by the mid-2010s; or, perhaps it's the influence of the United States, where social security is forecast to be insolvent by the mid-2030s.

**CPP Fund's financial stability:** The fact of the matter is, the fund is on a firm financial footing thanks to actions taken more

than 25 years ago by the federal government and the provinces that participate in the pension plan. They raised contribution levels and created CPP Investments, a professional investment management organization that is overseen by an experienced board of directors and is accountable to Parliament and the federal and provincial finance ministers.

CPP Investments manages excess funds that are not currently needed to pay pension benefits in the best interest of more than 22 million contributors and beneficiaries. As of September 30, 2024, the CPP Fund stands at \$675 billion. And it's worth noting that pension contributions that come off your pay can only be used to pay CPP benefits; and cannot be used by any governments for any other purpose.

**Checks and balances for financial sustainability:** There are strong checks and balances

in place to ensure the financial sustainability of the system. Every six years, CPP Investments undergoes a special examination of its systems and practices by an independent examiner. In addition, the Office of the Chief Actuary (OCA), an independent federal body, reviews the future costs and financial stability of the CPP every three years. The OCA's most recent report reconfirmed that the Canada Pension Plan is financially sustainable under legislated contribution rates for at least the next 75 years – the longest period actuarial forecasts can look out.

These factors – a professional investment manager combined with strong oversight – means you can have confidence that your benefits will be there for you for as long as you live – for generations to come.

BROAD REACH at an AFFORDABLE PRICE

Advertise Province-wide

with a combined circulation of over 500,000 for only... **\$599** plus GST/HST

Ask about the Value Ad Network

Alberta Weekly Newspapers Association  
toll free 1-800-282-6903 x225  
email [classifieds@awna.com](mailto:classifieds@awna.com)  
or visit your community newspaper



Easy Calving Angus Hybrid Bulls for Heifers

Charlton Cattle Co. has more than 40 years' experience raising *only* easy calving bulls for first calf heifers.

- 68 black and red easy calving yearling bulls on test (65-85 pound BWs)
- Less than 1% assist rate in over 32,000 home-raised and commercial heifers
- Six month breeding soundness guarantee

An easy calving, stress-free spring is just a phone call away!

Contact Daryl at 780-806-1229  
[CharltonCattleCo@gmail.com](mailto:CharltonCattleCo@gmail.com)  
[www.CharltonCattleCo.ca](http://www.CharltonCattleCo.ca)

WANTED COIN COLLECTIONS

PAYING CASH! BUYING ENTIRE COLLECTIONS – IN ALL OF ALBERTA! I MAKE HOUSE CALLS!

Looking For Coin Collections & Accumulations Of Coins!  
Buying Royal Canadian Mint Coins, Coin Sets, Old Coins & Paper Money, Numismatics, Olympic Coins, Rare Coins, Silver & Gold Coins, Platinum Coins, Us & Cdn Silver Dollars, Carson City Silver Dollars, All Pre 1969 Silver Coins, Old Rolls, Bags & Boxes Of Coins, Franklin Mint Coins And Ingot Sets!



Also buying all Silver & Gold, Jewelry, Coins, Bullion, Nuggets, Gold Dust, Ingots, Bars, Dental Gold, Jewelers Scrap, Sterling Silver & Silverware!

CALL TODD  
780-504-7995

BUYING OLD & UNWANTED JEWELRY!

PAYING CASH for Old & Broken Gold Jewelry, Silver Jewelry, Vintage & Estate Jewelry, Men's & Women's Rings, Bracelets, Chains, Necklaces, Pendants, Earrings, Charm Bracelets, Old Watches, Miner's Nuggets & Dust, Jeweler's Supply's, Scrap & Dust Etc.

ALSO BUYING COINS & COIN COLLECTIONS!

Looking for Bullion, Ingots, Bars, Numismatics, Dental Gold, Sterling Silver & Silverware!

Covering ALL OF ALBERTA!

CALL TODD  
780-504-7995





## This page is sponsored by:

### YOUR ONLY LOCAL CARRIER SERVING THE COMMUNITY SINCE 1950



Proud supporter of  
our local Organizations  
**780-778-2226**



Supporting growth in Whitecourt since 1922,  
we salute our not-for-profit community.

Millar Western Forest Products Ltd.  
a resourceful company



### Soaring Eagle Support Society

Offering support services for marginalized individuals

- Outreach worker, laundry and shower facilities by appt
- Tax program & Bag Lunch Program

5027 - 51 Avenue, Open: Monday to Friday 10am - 4pm **780-396-8777**



### WHITECOURT GROUP OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

All meetings are in person and online (hybrid)

- Mondays and Wednesdays at 7:30pm at the Family Worship Center upstairs
- Fridays 7:30pm at the Whitecourt Baptist Church

ZOOM ID: **818 413 483** PASSWORD: **gratitude**



WHITECOURT  
CANCER &  
WELLNESS  
SOCIETY

Providing timely and  
easily accessible financial  
support for Whitecourt  
patients and their families  
who are dealing with a  
cancer diagnosis.

This can include help with parking costs for hospital visits, living expenses and unforeseen medical expenses. Applications can be made through the Drs at both Whitecourt Medical Clinics or (office hours, can leave a message):

**Kim Nendsa** (President of Whitecourt Cancer & Wellness Society) **780-778-0932**

**Aimee Grierson 780-262-0222**

<https://wctcancerwellness.com/>

**\*\*Monthly meetings have been postponed due to COVID-19**



"Serving the community for over 30 years"  
The Food Bank relies on donations of cash or food  
in order to help families in need.

Open Mon, Wed & Fri 11:00am to 2:00 pm

Phone: 780-778-2341

**Located within the Carlan Services Community Centre**

The Whitecourt Food Bank is operated by the Town of Whitecourt Food Bank Coordinator and dependent on volunteers to operate. The Food Bank relies on donations of cash or food from individuals and organizations. Local grocery stores drop off baked goods including bread and pastries weekly. Other corporations and schools schedule food drives throughout the year.

Open: Mon, Wed, & Fri 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Phone: 780-778-2341

### LORNE'S BLANKET

*is transitional housing for men.*

**We exist to help homeless  
men get back on their feet.**

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



24/7 CRISIS LINE  
**780.778.6209**  
**1.800.467.4049**



WELLSPRING  
FAMILY RESOURCE  
& CRISIS CENTRE



@whitecourt\_shelter

#### 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 Communities.

#### 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](http://www.whitecourtshelter.ca)

### Whitecourt Alcoholics Anonymous Group



Meetings are three times each week

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

**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**



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.**



# Winter Park Party



Fun around the fire.



Kids enjoying the mild weather.



Down the hill she goes.

The Town of Whitecourt's park parties are back for another year of fun. The first event of 2025 was held on Wednesday evening at Dahl Drive sliding hill, after a rescheduling due to chillier temperatures weeks prior. Attendees were supplied with hot dogs, hot chocolate, glow sticks and a roaring fire in the pit to enjoy between trips down the hill. The Light Up Toboggan Party was made possible thanks to support from The P.O.W.E.R. Hub (People of Whitecourt Encouraging Resiliency) and Pembina Pipelines.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BYLAW 622/25 – AMENDING WOODLANDS COUNTY LAND USE BYLAW 490/17 LAND USE BYLAW AMENDMENT APPLICATION 2024LUA-02

PLACE	DATE	TIME
Woodlands County Municipal Office Council Chambers, Whitecourt, AB	Wednesday, March 12, 2025	5:15 pm

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 692 of the Municipal Government Act the Council of Woodlands County is considering an application for amendment to Land Use Bylaw 490/17, by making the following amendments through proposed Bylaw 622/25.

**Re-zoning of SW-24-58-12-5 Roll Number's: 235954 & 35572 from "A2" Agriculture Two District to "ARE" Agriculture Rural Estates District. For the purpose to subdivide an additional 16-acre parcel.**

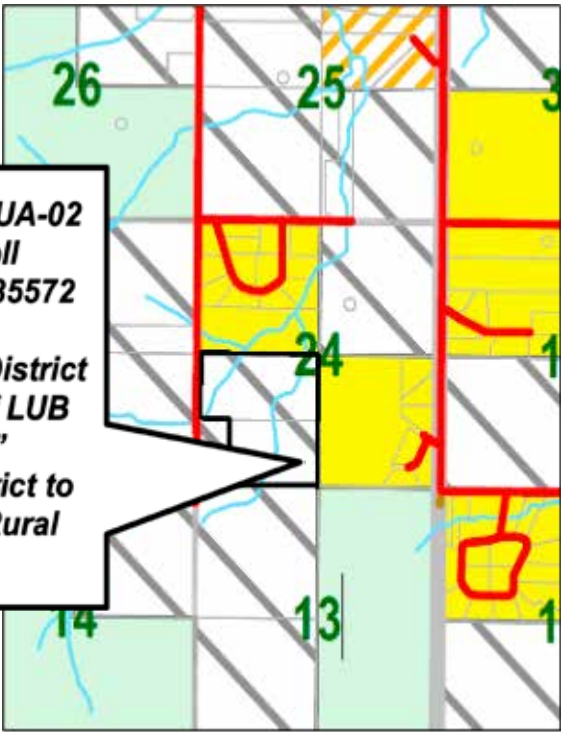
Written comments or concerns on the above proposed bylaw amendment may be provided **prior to 4:30 pm on Friday March 7, 2025**, to:

Woodlands County  
Box 60, Whitecourt AB T7S 1N3  
Attention: Joshua Raposo, Manager, Planning Services  
or by email at [planning@woodlands.ab.ca](mailto:planning@woodlands.ab.ca) ATTN: Joshua Raposo

Written comments are preferred; however, this is a public hearing and interested individuals may attend in person to voice any comment or concern. The meeting may be viewed via YouTube: <https://bit.ly/3boRlkn>

The proposed land use amendment documents may be viewed during regular business hours at the Woodlands County Municipal office in Whitecourt located at #1 Woodlands Lane.

Bylaw 622/25 2024LUA-02  
SW-24-58-12-5 Roll  
Number's: 235954 & 35572  
  
Amending Land Use District  
within Appendix A of LUB  
490/17 from "A2"  
Agriculture Two District to  
"ARE" Agriculture Rural  
Estates District.



**DAVE KUSCH**  
Councillor for Area 1  
Division 1  
[dave.kusch@woodlands.ab.ca](mailto:dave.kusch@woodlands.ab.ca)  
Phone: 780-778-5337



**JOHN BURROWS**  
Councillor for Whitecourt West  
Division 2  
[john.burrows@woodlands.ab.ca](mailto:john.burrows@woodlands.ab.ca)  
Phone: 780-708-4747



**ALAN DEANE**  
Councillor for Whitecourt  
Central Division 3  
[alan.deane@woodlands.ab.ca](mailto:alan.deane@woodlands.ab.ca)  
Phone: 780-778-0694



**JEREMY WILHELM**  
Councillor for Whitecourt East Division 4  
[jeremy.wilhelm@woodlands.ab.ca](mailto:jeremy.wilhelm@woodlands.ab.ca)  
Phone: 780-773-6554



**BRUCE PRESTIDGE**  
Councillor for Blue Ridge  
Division 5  
[bruce.prestidge@woodlands.ab.ca](mailto:bruce.prestidge@woodlands.ab.ca)  
Phone: 780-779-3917



**PETER KUELKEN**  
Councillor for Goose Lake/  
Freeman River Division 6  
[peter.kuelken@woodlands.ab.ca](mailto:peter.kuelken@woodlands.ab.ca)  
Phone: 780-264-2425



**DEVIN WILLIAMS**  
Councillor for Fort Assiniboine/  
Timber Division 7  
[devin.williams@woodlands.ab.ca](mailto:devin.williams@woodlands.ab.ca)  
Phone: 780-305-1825







## Blanket Classified Ads

Alberta and NWT for \$269 (up to 25 words) \$8.00 each additional word. These ads are placed in over 100 community newspapers throughout Alberta. We can also place ads in other provinces throughout Canada.

Visit [www.whitecourtpress.com](http://www.whitecourtpress.com)

Odds of a child becoming a top fashion designer: 1 in 7,000

Odds of a child being diagnosed with autism: 1 in 30

Some signs to look for:

No big smiles or other joyful expressions by 6 months.	No babbling by 12 months.	No words by 18 months.
--	---------------------------	------------------------

To learn more of the signs of autism, visit [autismspeaks.org](http://autismspeaks.org)

**AUTISM SPEAKS®**  
It's time to listen.

Autism Council

### Auctions

**TIMED AUCTION FOR MAIORANA STONE**, Edmonton, March 4. Full line-up of Stone Equip and Granite slabs; 2 screw compressors; Toyota forklift. ProdanukAuction Live Auction World.

**MEIER GUN AUCTION**, Saturday, March 15 - 10am; Wetaskiwin - Selling over 200 Rifles, Shot Guns, Antique Firearms, Ammunition, Scopes. Consign Now. Free Pick Up. Call 780-440-1860 [www.meierauction.com](http://www.meierauction.com).

### Commercial Property

GET YOUR MESSAGE SEEN ACROSS Alberta. The Blanket Classifieds or Value Ads reach over

500,000 Alberta readers weekly. Three options starting at \$269, \$299 or \$599 to get your message out! KEEP people in the loop with over 75 Weekly Community Newspapers. Call THIS NEWSPAPER now or email [classifieds@awna.com](mailto:classifieds@awna.com) for details. 1-800-282-6903, 780-434-8746 [www.awna.com](http://www.awna.com).

### For Sale

**BLANKET THE PROVINCE** with a classified ad. Only \$269/wk (based on 25 words or less). Reach 75 weekly newspapers. Call NOW for details. 1-800-282-6903; [www.awna.com](http://www.awna.com); email [classifieds@awna.com](mailto:classifieds@awna.com).

### Health

**HIP/KNEE REPLACE- MENT.** Other medical conditions causing TROUBLE WALKING or DRESSING? The Disability Tax Credit allows for \$3,000 yearly tax credit and \$30,000 lump sum refund. Take advantage of this offer. Apply NOW; quickest refund Nationwide: Expert help. 1-844-453-5372.

**PRIVATE MORTGAGE LENDER.** All real estate types considered. No credit checks done. Deal direct with lender and get quick approval. Toll free 1-866-405-1228; [www.firstandsecondmortgages.ca](http://www.firstandsecondmortgages.ca).

**BOOK YOUR AD NOW**

Call Valerie Winger at 780.706.1858 or email [wctpress@gmail.com](mailto:wctpress@gmail.com)

The Press

The Press

**ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS**

Call Valerie Winger at 780.706.1858 or email [wctpress@gmail.com](mailto:wctpress@gmail.com)

## Do You Suffer from Foot or Ankle Pain?

Our Specialist Can Help!

## Call Now To Book Your Consultation!

Phone: 587-328-0743  
Fax: 1-888-289-2162

Dr. Ben Sefcik, DPM  
Podiatrist

**Medical and Surgical Services or Treatments Provided:**

Achilles Tendon Pain	Arch Pain	Athlete's Foot
Athletic Injuries	Arthritis	Ankle Sprains
Bunions	Corns and Calluses	Diabetic Foot Care
Fungal Toenails	Flatfoot	Forefoot Pain
Heel Pain	Hammertoes	Ingrown Toenails
Prescription Custom Orthotics	Warts	

No Referral Necessary • New Patients Welcome • Covered under most Insurance Plans •

## Evolution Foot and Ankle Clinic

[www.bensefcikdpm.com](http://www.bensefcikdpm.com)

<b>Whitecourt</b> Advanced Health Pharmasave 5112 50 St. Whitecourt, AB	<b>Grande Prairie</b> Parkland Medical Centre #202, 10127 121 Ave Grande Prairie, AB
<b>Airdrie</b> Apple Wellness Center 229 1 St. SW Airdrie, AB	

A look at the local weather		Wed., March 5	Thu., March 6	Fri., March 7	Sat., March 8	Sun., March 9
P.O.P. High Low Wind 24-Hr Rain / Snow		Sunny	Mainly sunny	Mainly sunny	Mix of sun and clouds	Cloudy
		10%	10%	30%	20%	30%
		5°C	6°C	6°C	6°C	3°C
		-7°C	-5°C	-5°C	-4°C	-6°C
		W 14 km/h	W 15 km/h	W 11 km/h	W 10 km/h	W 11 km/h
		-	-	-	-	-



If your life is in danger  
or you know someone's life is in danger  
DIAL EMERGENCY NOW 911!

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

Canada to access crisis support by phone, in French or English: toll-free 1-833-456-4566 Available 24/7  
Crisis Text Line (Powered by Kids Help Phone) Canada Wide free, 24/7 texting service is accessible immediately to youth anywhere

in Canada by texting TALK to 686868 to reach an English speaking Crisis Responder and TEXT0 to 686868 to reach a French-speaking Crisis Responder on any text/ SMS enabled cell phone.  
KidsHelpPhone Ages 20 Years and Under

in Canada 1-800-668-6868 (Online or on the Phone). First Nations and Inuit Hope for Wellness 24/7 Help Line 1-855-242-3310  
Canadian Indian Residential Schools Crisis Line 1-866-925-4419  
Trans LifeLine – All Ages 1-877-330-6366

Have you been bullied, and want to share your story?  
Email wctpress@telus.net All submissions remain confidential

Putting a face  
on suicide



Every 40 seconds somewhere around the world someone dies by suicide, that's 99 people every 66 minutes. Every day, that's almost 100 people in the United States alone, and over 2160 worldwide. Putting a Face on Suicide (PAFOS) is a suicide awareness project that creates posters and videos to pay tribute to those we have lost to suicide with dignity and respect. PAFOS humanizes the daunting statistics; lovingly replacing numbers with faces.

SPONSORED BY



Tri-Logging Ltd.

Robert Brown  
Owner  
3507 37th Avenue  
Whitecourt, AB T7S 0C3  
Phone 780-778-0699  
Fax 780-778-8431

Tri-Logging  
is against  
bullying



FLINT™

A Division of ClearStream

780-778-5000

- Electrical & Instrumentation
- Fabrication & Modularization
- Maintenance & Turnarounds
- Insulation
- Facility Construction
- Pipeline Integrity Digs
- 24/7 Callout Services

NEED HELP? CALL ANYTIME! (24-7)  
Mental Health Helpline 1-877-303-2642  
• Addiction Helpline 1-866-332-2322 • Health Link 811

WOMBANIA™



NEXT TIME IT SNOWS, I'M GONNA EAT EVERY SNOWFLAKE BEFORE IT LANDS ON THE SIDEWALK SO I WON'T HAVE TO DO ANY MORE SHOVELLING.

by PETER MARINACCI



OH... I'M SO FULL OF SNOW.

Copyright ©2025 Peter Marinacci All Rights Reserved.

www.wombania.com



### Money Matters

One Canadian Dollar = **0.69 US Dollar**  
at an exchange rate of **0.6928** (using nominal rate).



Dollar Values as of March 5, 2025

**BOOK YOUR AD NOW**  
Call Valerie Winger at 780.706.1858  
or email wctpress@gmail.com

### 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](mailto:wctpress@gmail.com).



The Press

A locally owned and family operated newspaper serving Whitecourt

PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY

### Contact

Valerie Winger at 780-706-1858  
Email: [wctpress@telus.net](mailto:wctpress@telus.net)



The Press is printed on high quality newsprint using vegetable based ink. We encourage you to share, save, reuse, rehash & recycle.

# Culture and Events Centre construction is on schedule and on budget



Construction of the Culture & Events Centre continues. The project is on time and within budget and is expected to be complete by the fall of 2026.

The building's steel construction is 85% complete, and the exterior wall framing is scheduled to start in April 2025. Construction on the Culture &

Events Centre started in the summer of 2024. The facility will be a landmark for the community, and will include three components:

- Arts, Culture and Convention Centre – A venue designed to host a variety of concerts, trade shows, festivals, events, conventions, and celebrations.
- Library – The new

library will provide increased floor area and space to better serve the region. It will provide a safe and accessible place for the community to learn and gather and increase operating efficiency.

- Town Administration Office – The new office space will enhance customer ser-

vice and accessibility and provide an administrative facility that can grow with the community.

Sponsorship opportunities for the Culture & Events Centre are in the process of being finalized, along with sales packages for the listings of the current Town Office and Library buildings.

we are  
**HIRING!**

**Check out Career Opportunities**

Join our fun and fast-paced environment.

- Administrative Assistant, Economic Development (Full-Time) - Whitecourt

**Learn More & Apply:**

[woodlands.ab.ca/p/careers](http://woodlands.ab.ca/p/careers)

Apply Online: [woodlands.ab.ca/p/careers](http://woodlands.ab.ca/p/careers)





# Five things you might not know about RRSPs

(NC) Most Canadians do not have a workplace pension. That's why the federal government created the Registered Retirement Savings Plan. If you're one of the roughly fifty per cent of Canadian wage earners who contribute to their RRSPs each year, there are a number of things you may not know about them. Here are five.

**They provide a tax-deduction**

One of the main benefits of contributing to your RRSPs is that you can get a deduction on your current taxes. Simply put, every dollar you contribute to your RRSPs is deducted from your income for the year. This will reduce the amount of income you pay taxes on, and may even move you into a lower tax bracket. Your investments in the RRSP are also tax-sheltered as they grow.

**There's a contribution limit**

There's a maximum amount that Ca-

nadians are allowed to contribute to their RRSPs each year. Your personal amount is based on 18 per cent of your previous year's income, up to a maximum of \$31,560 for the 2024 tax year. But, if you don't use all your contribution room, any extra can be carried over into the future. You can find your unused contribution balance on your annual Notice of Assessment you receive from the Canada Revenue Agency.

**You can withdraw them before retirement**

Generally, when you withdraw from your account before its time, you will get hit with a hefty withholding tax and the money you take out will be counted as taxable income for that year. But there are exceptions. For example, you can withdraw up to \$60,000 from your RRSPs to use for a down payment if you



qualify as a first-time homebuyer. Similarly, you can withdraw up to \$10,000 a year (to a \$20,000 lifetime maximum) to use for a qualifying education program. Note that in both cases you must pay back whatever amount you withdraw into your RRSPs within a set period to avoid penalties.

**They don't last**

**forever**

Many people don't realize that you have to close your RRSP account by December 31st of the year you turn 71. At that point, you have three options: withdraw all the remaining funds, transfer them to a similar investment called a Registered Retirement Income Fund or purchase an annuity.

**You can use your RRSPs to donate**

Want to leave a legacy and make a big impact on a cause you care about? You can name a charity as a beneficiary on your RRSP. Your financial institution has a simple form for you to fill out where you list all the people and/or registered charities you'd like to receive

your leftover funds. Note that in Quebec, you can only name a charity as a beneficiary of your RRSPs through your will.

An added benefit? Your estate will receive a donation tax credit that could eliminate much or all of the taxes that would have to be paid on any leftover RRSPs anyway.

An advertisement for Haylee, featuring a dark blue background with various business and financial icons. These include a line graph with an upward arrow, a calculator, a ruler, a globe, a hand writing on a notepad, a magnifying glass over a pie chart, a laptop, a smartphone, and several envelopes with dollar signs. The text reads: "For all your advertising needs, CONTACT HAYLEE at thepresswtc@gmail.com".

An advertisement for Chase Leitner, a Mortgage Associate at The Mortgage Group (TMG). The ad features the TMG logo and the tagline "THINK OUTSIDE THE BRANCH" with "FSRA #10315" below it. Chase Leitner is shown in a circular portrait. The text describes his services: "Residential Mortgages • First-Time Homebuyer • Refinancing Mortgage Pre-Approvals • Client-Focused Solutions". It also includes his contact information: "Cell: 780.907.0862 Fax: 1.877.239.8430 Email: chase.leitner@mortgagegroup.com" and his address: "10525 170 St NW Unit 107, Edmonton, AB T5P 4W2 www.chasingmortgages.ca".



# Woodlands County Council recap

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

Karen Pronishen, Executive Director of the Barrhead & District FCSS Society, provided an update on their 2024 operating year including programs and services provided to residents at the Fort Assiniboine office. As part of the agreement signed in 2023, the society opened an office in the Fort Assiniboine & District Arena to deliver FCSS services to Fort Assiniboine, Goose Lake and Timeu residents one day a week. The society is also looking at expanding their services to two days a week and increasing other programming.

Chair of the Canadian Association of Nuclear Host Communities (CANHC) Adrian Foster joined virtually to provide further details on the organization. The CANHC is a not-for-profit association that supports local governments by

acting as a resource for all current, future and interested nuclear host communities. Council approved an associate membership of \$500 and appointed Councillor Burrows as the Woodlands County representative.

Council was provided an update on the Old Ferry Road erosion. Prior to seeking a second engineer to provide options, area residents will have an opportunity to provide comments regarding the future of the road. Woodlands County continues to communicate with the Province regarding the Disaster Recovery Program as well as seeking provincial funding through the Local Government Sustainability Grant. As a precautionary measure, Council approved the widening of two sections of Old Ferry Road in 2025 to allow for turnaround points in the road as a temporary measure in the event of an emergency until a strategy is determined.

Policy G1.001 - Municipal Handbook was

adopted to streamline policy development, clarify responsibilities and introduce a standardized system for organizing, reviewing and approving policies, procedures and standards. As part of the policy review and modernization, several policies were adopted under the new policy handbook framework including Policy G-1.002 - Corporate Planning Tools, Policy AD2.001 - Purchasing and Expenditure Policy and Policy IS.R-6.201 - Dust Control.

Policy AD2.001 - Purchasing and Expenditure Policy was updated to allow for more efficient procurement by expanding purchasing authority for Directors and designated staff and simplify purchasing for emergency situations. The revised policy introduces a local business component to encourage reinvestment in the community and prioritizing local vendors and service providers.

Per Policy IS.R-6.201 - Dust Control,

dust control rates remain at \$425 per 100 meters, \$750 per 200 meters, and \$4.25 for each additional meter. Dust control applications must be submitted and fees paid before Thursday, May 1.

Policy 1907 - Volunteer & Senior Appreciation was rescinded to allow for the efficient management of the program and greater flexibility in organizing the events. The Volunteer Appreciation & Senior's Recognition program will continue as it will be incorporated into the Community Services department's business plan.

Upcoming scheduled meetings:

- Regular Council - Wednesday, March 12, 5:00 pm
- Regular Council - Wednesday, March 26, 9:30 am

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



Call Valerie Winger at 780.706.1858 or email [wctpress@gmail.com](mailto:wctpress@gmail.com)

**BRISCO**  
WOOD PRESERVERS LTD.

"Preserving our forests for the future"

PEERS, ALBERTA

Canadian post and pole producer

Looking to purchase standing timber,  
Spruce, Pine, Fir and Tamarack.  
Postwood, Sawlogs, and Poles.  
Will pay competitive rates!

Contact: Jon Blackmore  
250.421.9360 • [jonrockypine@gmail.com](mailto:jonrockypine@gmail.com)

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

[www.whitecourt.ca](http://www.whitecourt.ca) | [facebook.com/TownofWhitecourt](https://facebook.com/TownofWhitecourt) | 780-778-2273

If you enjoy a fast-paced, progressive work environment and you have a passion for serving the local community then this may be the opportunity for you! We believe that our values of diversity, collaboration, innovation and mutual respect bring out the best in our team, and we are currently looking to fill the following positions:

Job#: 25-016, Guest Services Associate II, Permanent, Full-time Position.  
Job#: 25-017, Energy Manager, Contract Position.

Please visit [www.whitecourt.ca](http://www.whitecourt.ca) for all employment opportunities and details on how to apply.



## SNOWSHOE ADVENTURES

in the Blue Ridge area

Guided Tour and Lessons

Saturdays & Sundays  
March 8 - 30

10:00 AM  
or 2:00 PM

Cost: \$45 per person  
or \$100 per family

Drop-in Trail Access

March 3 - 30

Weekdays  
5:00 - 8:00 PM

Weekends  
10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Registration is **REQUIRED** for guided tours, lessons and drop-in access

Contact Woodlands County to register  
PHONE: 780-778-8400 EMAIL: [community@woodlands.ab.ca](mailto:community@woodlands.ab.ca)

Family fun, Dress for the weather and  
Dogs on leash welcome!

Bring your own snowshoes or rent them from:  
Woodlands County - 780-778-8400  
Whitecourt & District Public Library - 780-778-2900

WOODLANDS  
COUNTY

## Just Peachy ARTS AND CRAFTS

Locally owned and operated indoor artisan market. At Just Peachy, you will find over 100 artisans selling their creations. Everything from pottery and paintings to soaps and sun-catchers.

780-778-1051

5014 50 St, Whitecourt

Contact us about our workshops



[justpeachyarts@outlook.com](mailto:justpeachyarts@outlook.com)



# The Wolverines are on fire as the countdown to the playoffs is on



Wolverine goaltender Elliot Pratt.

**By Serena Lapointe**

Whitecourt's AJHL team, the Wolverines, are only a couple of games away from the postseason, with the team and fans alike excited to see playoff action back in the community, rocking the lid off JDA Place. Three of the last eight regular season games wrapped up last week, including two home games.

On Tuesday, February 25, the Whitecourt Wolverines welcomed the Bonnyville Pontiacs to town for their second last meet-up of the regular season schedule. The game started slowly, with no scoring and three penalties in the first period. In the second period, the Wolverines opened up early, pummeling the Pontiacs with four games against.

In the third, the Wolverines managed to score two more. Tim Kim, the newly acquired Wolverine who proudly wears jersey number four, scored his second goal for his sixth point in only six games so far as a Wolverine. Also on the scoresheet were Jalen Bianchet (#20, who

scored twice), Joey Vetrano (#11), Travis Verbeek (#12) and Braden Keeble (#16). Whitecourt won 6-2.

Two days later, on Friday, February 28, the Wolverines went on the road, taking on the Grande Prairie Storm at the Bonnetts Energy Centre in front of a crowd of nearly two thousand. Like on Tuesday, the first period was a nothing-burger, with no goals and only two penalties on the board.

In the second period, the Grande Prairie Storm found the back of the Wolverine's net, scoring twice, 1:20 apart, including one shorthanded. With just over two minutes to go in the period, Jalen Bianchet snipped home his 22nd goal of the season, assisted by Kyle Tucket and Travis Verbeek, bringing life back into the Whitecourt team as they headed into the third.

In the final twenty minutes, the floodgates opened, and the Wolverines scored three unanswered goals, not only tying up the game

continued on page 15



A huge save and a massive hit, all in one photo.



Collision at the hashmarks.



It was a busy week for the Whitecourt Wolverines, with three hard games against division rivals Bonnyville and Grande Prairie. Pictured is Keeble's goal in the third.



## Eagle River Casino & Travel Plaza Now Hiring Restaurant Assistant Manager NOC 60030

### Responsibilities:

- 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.

**Experience:** 3 – 4 years.

**Education:** Completion of secondary school is usually required.

**Terms of Employment:** Permanent full-time 44-hour work week.

**Language:** English

**Employment Conditions:** Shift work, Day, Evenings, Weekends, Holidays, Nights.

**Wage:** \$26.00/hour

**Benefits Package:** 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](http://www.eaglerivercasino.ca)

**How to Apply:** Send resume to [HR@eaglerivercasino.ca](mailto:HR@eaglerivercasino.ca), mail or fax.



continued from page 14

but taking their first and most crucial lead. Try as they might, the Storm players could not get another goal past Wolverines netminder Zac Onyskiw. The Wolverines took it 4-2.

Fan favourite Jalen Bianchet had an impactful February with four multi-point games, including two three-point games. Number 18 had 46 points in 46 games to wrap up the month, obliterating his stats from last season. Bianchet is from Pickering, Ontario and is in his second season with the Whitecourt Wolverines franchise.

The first game of March was a home game on Saturday, March 1, against the Grande Prairie Storm, and the visitors were looking for payback after being handed a loss the night before. In the first, the Storm scored the period's lone goal, an unassisted marker from Cade Kozak. In the second period, Kozak scored again, for his second

of the night. The Storm notched one more goal with fifty seconds left to make it 3-0, taking a big lead going into the final period.

In the third, things got a bit dicey. Both teams picked up their stride, landing massive hits and increasing the speed and intensity of passes. It felt more like a play-off game than a regular season one. There was even one moment when a Storm player attempted to bat a puck out of the air in front of the Wolverine's net.

Forty seconds in, the Storm got a whistle after one of their players got caught kneeling a Wolverine. While on the powerplay, Wolverine Braden Keeble scored a beauty, assisted by Jalen Bianchet, his 24th, and Travis Verbeek, his 17th. The Wolverines were finally on the board. Eight minutes later, Wolverines Ethan Short was sent to the penalty box for holding, giving the visitors a chance on the powerplay. The Storm did not miss, landing another goal on the

scoreboard and extending their lead to 4-1.

Less than a minute later, Travis Verbeek added to his point totals, assisting on Ty Rayan's sixth goal. Mason Russell also assisted. The Wolverines were only two away from tying up the game.

With two minutes to go and needing a pair, the Wolverines pulled their goalie. With a wide-open net and a lucky bounce, the Grande Prairie Storm grabbed one more goal before the final whistle, ending the game with a 5-2 victory.

There are five games left for the Whitecourt Wolverines before playoffs begin. Thanks to the great season, the Wolverines have solidified home-ice advantage for the first round. The final two games will be at home at JDA Place on Friday, March 14 (against Drayton Valley) and Saturday, March 15 (against Camrose). The first day for playoff action will be on March 21 at home. Their contender is yet to be determined.

PUZZLES SOLUTIONS

WORD SEARCH

C	C	L	S	E	R	D	E	Y	O	S	L	Y	Y	H	L	U	V	S	P
P	L	P	S	E	Y	S	L	M	H	S	N	A	V	L	S	W	Y	A	I
M	P	O	S	W	R	F	R	C	L	U	U	E	S	V	I	T	O	R	O
L	M	A	L	N	O	A	S	E	Y	T	T	L	F	R	E	M	E	B	R
L	E	A	S	H	U	T	F	E	Y	E	H	E	K	L	L	F	A	I	U
V	M	N	F	T	E	G	Y	L	R	B	E	G	D	K	E	A	R	F	G
D	T	T	R	P	C	U	G	I	E	D	H	P	I	R	A	C	F	P	Y
V	S	D	S	Y	P	Y	N	L	I	W	O	F	E	N	F	H	N	L	G
B	D	M	Y	M	O	A	E	N	E	U	W	N	Y	G	R	H	M	B	U
N	P	T	V	U	R	D	G	I	O	P	C	U	H	N	U	E	H	F	C
K	U	H	U	I	G	V	I	I	U	E	T	S	I	I	M	V	S	E	
S	I	B	A	D	D	H	E	T	S	R	S	U	H	L	B	C	V	O	W
N	S	N	R	D	E	L	N	G	C	F	U	K	L	E	L	O	D	O	G
C	H	B	L	L	D	G	C	R	C	U	K	N	L	V	V	M	N	Y	C
H	P	K	P	S	N	I	V	O	E	A	R	R	A	A	E	P	K	C	T
T	M	E	C	O	S	L	M	U	G	T	R	T	N	R	W	A	H	F	K
H	O	F	C	K	N	M	T	S	U	R	T	E	S	T	I	N	P	F	W
D	D	M	E	D	I	C	I	N	E	R	S	I	G	N	B	I	O	D	D
H	Y	V	S	E	C	N	R	E	M	O	H	V	S	K	I	O	C	I	T
R	S	H	R	L	C	K	O	K	R	K	M	O	L	M	B	N	T	A	C

CROSSWORDS

S	N	I	P		A	S	S	E	R	T		D	E	E
W	I	D	E		G	A	U	C	H	E		E	R	A
E	X	O	S	K	E	L	E	T	O	N		C	A	R
P	I	L	E	I		P	R	O	M	S		U	S	E
T	E	S	T	E	D					B	I	A	S	E
					A	V	A	R	I	C	I	O	U	S
M	U	M	S		N	A	M	E		N	G	A	M	I
U	F	O		S	E	N	I	O	R	S		T	A	D
D	A	N	A	E		I	N	R	O		F	E	D	S
					I	R	R	E	S	O	L	U	T	E
S	A	T	E	E	N					P	A	M	P	A
E	G	O			N	A	D	E	R		B	A	R	C
E	A	R			A	M	E	N	A	B	I	L	I	T
M	M	E			D	O	C	I	L	E		E	M	I
S	A	D			E	R	O	D	E	D		S	A	N

SUDOKU

2	4	3	8	9	5	6	1	7
6	8	1	3	7	2	4	9	5
5	7	9	1	6	4	2	8	3
4	2	8	9	5	1	3	7	6
9	5	6	7	2	3	1	4	8
1	3	7	6	4	8	5	2	9
8	6	4	5	1	7	9	3	2
7	1	5	2	3	9	8	6	4
3	9	2	4	8	6	7	5	1

ALTALINK

A BC HYDRO POWERLINES ENERGY COMPANY


STAYING SAFE IN WILDFIRE SEASON.

ARE YOU PREPARED FOR AN EMERGENCY?


With wildfires becoming more frequent and intense, AltaLink's highest priority is protecting your community while providing safe, reliable power.

WILDFIRE SAFETY


We are **reducing** the likelihood that our power lines contribute to **wildfires**.





As a last resort, we may proactively shut off the power — a **Public Safety Power Shutoff**.



Plan ahead and be prepared with supplies to last you **72+ hours**.



Learn more about what AltaLink is doing and how you can prepare at [altalink.ca/wildfiresafety](https://altalink.ca/wildfiresafety)

Follow us on social media for regular updates.  



The Press

ADVERTISE  
YOUR  
BUSINESS

Call Valerie Winger at 780.706.1858  
or email [wctpress@gmail.com](mailto:wctpress@gmail.com)

Leanne Gould  
Mortgage Associate

403.505.9906  
[leanne.gould@mortgagegroup.com](mailto:leanne.gould@mortgagegroup.com)

THE MORTGAGE GROUP

The Mortgage Group Alberta Ltd.  
204 - 2016 20th Ave. NE, Calgary AB T2A 0R4

toll free 1.866.235.9906  
[www.mortgagegroup.com](http://www.mortgagegroup.com)

THINK OUTSIDE THE BRANCH!



LOCAL NEWS PRINTED  
ON LOCAL NEWSPRINT

Alberta  
Newsprint  
Company



Providing Traffic Control and Piloting

- Traffic Control Personnel
- Provide service for emergency lane or road closures
- Construction zone set ups

780-865-5815

We're there where you need us most!

Road Monitoring & Radar Services

Servicing Woodlands and Yellowhead Counties



A.C. Waring  
& Associates Inc.  
Licensed Insolvency Trustee  
Trustee in Bankruptcy

DEBT PROBLEMS???

780-424-9944

Foreclosure Fear? Bank Loan Recalled?  
Wage Garnishment? Mortgage/Rent Arrears?

Call Us. Talk to Us. We can help you NOW.

FREE Consultation

[www.DEBTFREE.ca](http://www.DEBTFREE.ca)

The Press

Check us out  
online at  
[whitecourtpress.com](http://whitecourtpress.com)

BOOK YOUR AD NOW

Call Valerie Winger at 780.706.1858  
or email [wctpress@gmail.com](mailto:wctpress@gmail.com)

The Press

Career Ads, affordable price, with print ad, receive free online job posting at ...

The Press

[www.whitecourtpress.com](http://www.whitecourtpress.com)

Call Valerie Winger at 780.706.1858 or email [wctpress@gmail.com](mailto:wctpress@gmail.com)

RF

RESCHKE FRITZ LLP  
PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS

MARK R. RESCHKE, CPA, CA  
PARTNER

Tax planning  
Corporate & Personal Tax Preparation  
Full Accounting Services

Box 569, #101, 5011 - 51 Ave  
Whitecourt, AB T7S 1N6  
780-778-3981 [mreschke@rflp.ca](mailto:mreschke@rflp.ca)



METRIX GROUP LLP  
CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS

4927-51 AVENUE, PO BOX 328, WHITECOURT, AB T7S 1N5

Accounting • Tax • Estates & Trusts • Bookkeeping  
Controllership • Audit & Review Engagements

Michael Epp  
CPA, CA, CMA  
Partner

Terry St. Laurent  
CPA, CGA, CA  
Partner

Carla Hanas  
CPA, CA  
Manager

Edmonton  
T: 780-489-9606

Lloydminster  
T: 780-875-7433

Fox Creek/Whitecourt  
T: 780-778-3091

Fort Saskatchewan  
T: 780-992-0266

Evansburg  
T: 780-727-2017

TOLL FREE: 1-877-489-9606 METRIXGROUP.CA

The Press

Check us out  
online at  
[whitecourtpress.com](http://whitecourtpress.com)

Whitecourt Veterinary  
Clinic 4439 - 52 Ave



...where pets are family...



Thank you to all those loving families who've adopted the pets at the Whitecourt Vet Clinic.

The Press

Get The Press App at iTunes AppStore and Google play



Available on the App Store



GET IT ON Google play



Home hardware building centre

Garden Sheds • Custom or Pre-built • Delivery Available  
780-778-4404  
Help is close to home®

LOCAL BUSINESS

The Press

Call Now To Book This Space 780-706-1858