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A trip of a lifetime for the grade eight students at Percy Baxter is edging closer thanks to generous support from the community. Parent volunteers hope it kickstarts a yearly experience that costs parents very little while providing a big reward for students. Pictured are Tyler Rowland (left) and Mason Russell (right) presenting the check to Percy students.

Grade eight Cultural Exchange Program at Percy Baxter seeks community support

By Serena Lapointe

Grade eight students at Percy Baxter Middle School are working hard to score the trip of a lifetime, thanks to an idea from Principal Vince Dikaitis. In other schools that Dikaitis has worked in, students went on trips, exploring new places and learning about the country, and he wanted to see that opportunity

come to Percy Baxter.

Conversations soon turned to action. The Mink Creek Parent Society got involved, and the Grade 8 Cultural Exchange Fundraising Committee was born. "Students have hosted special lunches through a leadership program at the school to help raise funds for the trip, and we have done fundraisers like

selling first aid kits and silent auctions," explained committee member Savanaha Winder.

The goal is to send 120 grade eight students at Percy Baxter to Ontario in two trips, swapping places with two groups from Ontario, including schools in the Niagara

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Creating a safe space for horseback riders to enjoy

By Serena Lapointe

The Whitecourt Sandhills, located on the Old Blue Ridge Highway, where the major powerline crosses the road, could soon become a safe destination for horseback riders. The Whitecourt Horse Club is in the process of having the land designated for their use, meaning that motorized vehicles like quads and motorbikes could no longer ride on it.

But here's the thing: motorized vehicle users are already not allowed to use the land for most of the year, a fact that might surprise some, especially those who currently use it. Sledders are the only motorized vehicles that can be on the land, and only from December 1 until March 1 and only on certain trails.

"If you go online and search Whitecourt Sandhills PLUZ, Public Land Use Zone, the

criteria will be there. Right now, there is a lot of motorized vehicle use there, but it is not permitted," explained Alyn Ward, president of the Whitecourt Horse Club. "They've been very respectful for the most part, but it's too dangerous to have horses and motorized vehicles together. Yes, you can train your horse, but in the meantime, you're risking

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Backcountry riding.



Photo submitted by the Whitecourt Horse Club

The Whitecourt Horse Club is working on a big project that, if successful, would provide the group with a safe place to ride and trails to call their own, no different than the other groups and organizations that have designated areas.



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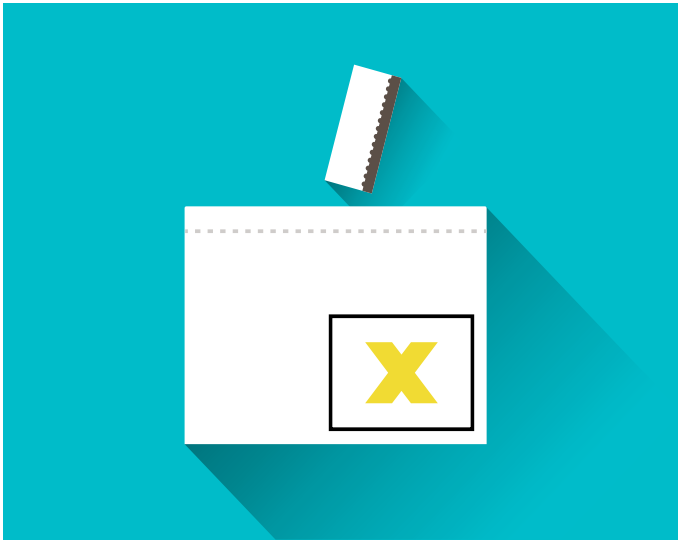
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Falls, Owen Sound and Sauble Beach areas. The first group of 60 Percy Baxter students plan to head down May 25 to 31, while the first group of Ontario students visits Whitecourt. The second Whitecourt contingent would head to Ontario from June 8 to 12, while the second group from Ontario travels here.

Essentially, it works out that the students from Ontario that Whitecourt students will show around and experience parts of Alberta with will be the same students that then show those same Whitecourt students around Ontario, allowing the groups to become friends and fully share the experience. The goal is to ensure all students can attend, regardless of financial ability.

Thanks to significant federal funding, flights and hotels are covered. However, the committee still needs to raise \$120,000 to take the two groups of visiting Ontario students on an adventure in Alberta. “We have to pay for bussing, food and our admissions. Our fundraising is going towards the activities and the things we want to show them. We fundraise for what we take the kids to do here while they are in Alberta, and they (the Ontario schools) fundraise for things they take us to do,” explained Winder.

Plans for the visiting Ontario children include seeing Carson Pegasus, industry tours, showcasing Whitecourt, trips to Edmonton and a Jasper excursion. When Percy Baxter students are in Ontario, they will see things like Niagara Falls, Canada’s Wonderland, Ripley’s Aquarium, and Canada’s Hockey Hall of Fame.

To help fund some of the costs, Winder said they hope to hear back about a grant through the area’s mills that would cover the cost of things connected to the forestry industry and educating students on the topic. “That’s a big deal because that could be our potential funding for Jasper and everything we need to take the kids there.”

One of the most significant costs they face, said Winder, is feeding everyone. “We want to feed them good meals, not just hot dogs for seven days. That’s why the fundraising is so important.”

She explained that the trip is an every-student-can-attend opportunity. “No one is ineligible. Every student can go and participate. And the best part is that it’s minimal cost to the families.”

While the approximate cost per student is \$600, families pay much less. “Unless you want to sponsor more, it’s just a \$40 insurance fee to send your kid,” said Winder. She said they’ve reached out to community businesses for sponsorships and donations and hope to be successful in their goal.

One of the ways that companies and organizations can get involved, is the Sponsor A Student Program. Every \$600 raised covers the visit for a child. “It’s a unique experience to help the students build connections, develop cultural awareness and explore different parts of Canada.

We think it’s important for these kids to experience that. I think they will remember everyone who supported them and made this happen, and Whitecourt is an amazing community. For these kids to see their community send them to Ontario in grade eight is a big deal,” explained Winder.

A group of students recently volunteered during a Wolverines playoff game at JDA Place. “We had three students volunteer, applying wristbands during the playoffs for the Wolverines. In return, they made us the beneficiary of the 50/50 to put towards our trip,” said Winder. On Thursday, April 10, two Wolverines, forward Mason Russell and defenseman Tyler Rowland, officially dropped off a check from the 50/50 and posed with the students who volunteered during their game. The check for \$1,000 helps the group get closer to their goal. They are also doing a scrap metal drive with Tri-Steel Salvage from



Winder explaining the trip to the Wolverines players.

April 21 to May 4.

Whitecourt Wolverines co-owner Terriann Masse said giving back to the community is important to the organization, and one way they do that is through the 50/50. “At each of our home games, we host a 50/50 draw, with proceeds going back into the community to support programs, initiatives, and fundraisers that make a positive

impact. We felt it was important to support the students in the Cultural Exchange Program and help give them the opportunity to experience travel, something that may not otherwise be possible for some of them. Experiences like this can be life-changing, and we’re proud to play a small part in making that happen.”

Winder said this is the school’s pilot year,

and they hope it can continue and become a tradition that grade eight students look forward to. “It’s a great opportunity to get the kids outside of the community, especially for those who don’t get to travel a lot. It helps them see parts of Canada.”

Winder said excitement is brewing. “I’ve gathered a lot of excitement from them so

far. Being able to experience different things with people their age and seeing the province through a peer-to-peer perspective is exciting!” Community members interested in supporting the Grade Eight Cultural Exchange Program at Percy Baxter are encouraged to email Winder and Monika Iverson at pbculturalexchange@outlook.com.



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Regional Companies to Share Forestry Plans at Open Houses

WHITECOURT, ALBERTA, May 2025—This spring, forest companies ANC Timber (Alberta Newsprint Company), and West Fraser Timber Co. Ltd. (Blue Ridge Lumber) will be holding “joint open houses”, to share forestry operating plans for the year ahead. These events provide the general public and stakeholders with the opportunity to review each company’s planned activities in road development, harvesting, hauling, reforestation and herbicide treatment for the current forestry year. Public stakeholder input is gathered and utilized to influence operations where site specific concerns are identified such as trails, camping areas, recreation areas etc.

Dates and Locations

Companies Attending

May 5 – Edson Repsol Place Main Lobby. 5pm-8pm	BRL & ANC
May 6 - Whitecourt Allan and Jean Millar Centre 5pm-8pm	BRL & ANC
May 7 - Fox Creek Multiplex Lobby – 5pm-8pm	BRL & ANC
May 8 – Swan Hills Community Club 5pm-8pm	BRL

We would also like to invite you to visit the websites below to view each companies upcoming forest activities. We will have a variety of plans available for review including: Annual Operating Plans for 2025-2026 season; Company Reforestation Plans; and Herbicide Treatment Plans.

Alberta Newsprint Company (ANC) - alberta-newsprint-dot-com-slash-woodlands

West Fraser Timber Ltd - <https://www.westfraser.com/responsibility/forest-management/public-involvement/blue-ridge-lumber>

Whitecourt Town Council update

Whitecourt Town Council has approved the 2025 Budget. The budget supports priorities identified by Council and its intention to sustain service levels, while ensuring the continued sustainability and growth of the community. A 3.53% tax rate increase is required to support the budget, this is a decrease from what was originally proposed in the interim budget. Based on the approved budget, Administration is preparing the Tax Rate Bylaw which will be presented to Council at the April 28, 2025 Regular Meeting. The 2025 Budget Report will subsequently be published at the end of April and will be posted online at www.whitecourt.ca and paper copies will be made available at the Town Office.

The 2025 Strategic Plan has been adopted. The Plan identifies Council's key priorities and areas of focus for the remainder of the term. A copy of the Plan is available at www.whitecourt.ca.

The Rotary Club of Whitecourt is hosting a sod turning event in Festival Park on June 5 for the new multi-use courts. The multi-use courts will be constructed in partnership with the Rotary Club, Town of Whitecourt, and the Active Communities Initiative Fund. The new courts, which are expected to be complete in the fall of 2026, will provide a safe space for pickleball, basketball, badminton, tennis and ball hockey.

The Whitecourt Youth Advisory Committee is hosting Town Hall Meetings at Ecole St. Mary School and Percy Baxter School on May 12. The meetings help educate youth on municipal governance, and provides an opportunity for members of Town Council to engage with community youth.

The following groups have been awarded Community Clean Up projects under the 2025 program. Each group will provide roadside, playground and sport-field cleanup services as a way to raise funds for their non-profit group.

U13 Whitecourt Warriors Girls Soccer Team, U15 Whitecourt Warriors Girls Soccer Team U17 Whitecourt Warriors Girls Soccer Team, U13 Whitecourt Warriors Boys Soccer Team U15 Whitecourt Warriors Boys Soccer Team, U17 Whitecourt Warriors Boys Soccer Team U19 Whitecourt Warriors Boys Soccer Team

There is still a spot available in the Community Clean Up Program. Application information is available on the Whitecourt website at www.whitecourt.ca/your-town/whitecourt-grant-programs.

Whitecourt will be purchasing a new wheel loader from SMS Equipment at a cost of \$408,302, plus GST.

Spirit of Youth Awards will be awarded at a ceremony on May 22 at Central School. The Program recognizes teens aged 12 to 18 who are doing great things in our community.

The Town of Whitecourt and Woodlands County are continuing to work together to finalize outstanding items based outlined in the Intermunicipal Collaboration Agreement. The Agreement, which formalizes how the municipalities manage growth, coordinate service delivery and optimize resources for residents, was adopted in October 2024.

The Town of Whitecourt is preparing for the upcoming October 2025 Municipal Election. Similar to previous elections, Whitecourt will be offering special ballots, advance and institutional voting. Information on the 2025 Election can be found online at www.whitecourt.ca/your-town/election.

Whitecourt has approved a street closure request from the Whitecourt & District Chamber of Commerce for the Night Time Farmers Market on August 21. Reminders about the street closures will be posted closer to the event date.

Whitecourt Town Council has recognized May 12-18, 2025 as National Nursing Week.

Whitecourt Town Council has recognized May 19-25, 2025 as Alberta Disability Services Professional Appreciation Week.

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Replacement Program

The Town of Whitecourt is continuing the Enhanced Driveway Crossing Replacement Program for those property owners wishing to upgrade their private driveway crossings. The Town will cost share with the owner up to 60% for the costs associated with the removal, disposal and replacement of the residential driveway crossing installed according to the "Minimum Standard for Local Improvements".

The program is intended for driveways in areas with high profile of older, rolled curb and gutter which create a harsh entrance into private driveways.

The program application for 2025 must be completed, signed and submitted with a minimum \$800.00 deposit prior to April 30, 2025 to be considered for replacement in the current calendar year.

Program information and an application form may be found on the Town's website at www.whitecourt.ca or by contacting:

Town of Whitecourt, Box 509, 5004 – 52 Avenue, Whitecourt, AB T7S 1N6
Email: administration@whitecourt.ca | Phone: 780.778.2273

NOTICE OF DECISION

The following decision was made by the Municipal Planning Commission:

Application No. 25-015 – Discretionary Use – Recreational Arts & Culture Facility, Indoor & Variance to On-site Parking Regulations at 3911 37 Avenue – Approved with conditions.

Date of Decisions: April 10, 2025 **Appeal Closes at 4:00pm:** May 1, 2025

An Appeal of the above decision(s) 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.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION DAY IN WHITECOURT
April 23, 2025

Whitecourt Town Council encourages the citizens of Whitecourt to recognize April 23 as Royal Canadian Legion Day in Whitecourt.

The Whitecourt Legion supports numerous youth and adult groups in our community, and helps veterans and their families who may be in need of medical care or other needs. As a community member, you can help support these initiatives by becoming a Legion member, or attending their events. Please share with the Town in celebrating the accomplishments of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #44 in Whitecourt.





Ward and others walking along a trail.

To the nursing staff of Whitecourt Hospital, we want to thank you for the incredible care you gave to my husband, Lawrence Demers. We especially want to thank Dr. Aneke for her gentle hands and comforting words. Also Dr. Rosko,. You all provided him with such comfort and dignity during his final days. Thank you for everything.

Laurie Demers and family.

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your life.”

The provincial designation for the land is for public, non-motorized recreational use. Off-highway vehicles like ATVs, side-bysides and motorbikes are not allowed on the land, and it goes further to say that pedestrian vehicles are not allowed to go off-road.

Activities approved at the Whitecourt Sandhills include hiking, equestrian riding and cross-country skiing. By receiving designated use, the Whitecourt Horse Club could safely use an area without worry since signs would specify usage, keeping motorized users off and not creating a life-or-death scenario for a rider and their spooked horse.

Ward explained that she began looking for somewhere to ride after noticing that areas she used to enjoy were no longer safe. “I used to ride up on the mountain here for many years, but with the quads, side by sides and four-by-

fours coming out, the mountain area is pretty much unrideable.”

So, two years ago, Ward helped create the Whitecourt Horse Club. First, they looked to collaborate with the Whitecourt Trailblazers, but many of their trails become bogs in the spring and summer months, making them unusable for horseback riding. “There was also a set of trails across from the Ag Society, but there are a lot of bridges in there, and bridges are slippery for horses, and the upkeep is a lot,” explained Ward.

Her daughter had ridden out at the Whitecourt Sandhills for many years and invited her mom to check it out. Ward said she and other members took a short cruise to see what it was like and quickly realized it would be perfect, especially since it was already designated as a place to ride horses.

Now, with a place in mind, Ward and the club began speaking with the province about

becoming trail masters. They got insurance and joined two larger groups, as umbrellas above them, the Alberta Equestrian Federation and the Alberta Backcountry Horsemen Society. As they got more information, things seemed to fall more into place.

“We’ve mapped the trails that we want. Some of the trails were already designated by the cross-country ski club, so we are working on other trails we want added. Hopefully, they will have them designated this fall,” explained Ward. They anticipate a provincial evaluator will come to see the area in person soon.

Before official designation, the group will also hold a hearing in Whitecourt to see if there are any concerns about them becoming trail masters. If all goes well, the group will have a beautiful area, ten square miles of trails, just outside Whitecourt, to call

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Supporting local kids

Doug Ling, of the Whitecourt Royal Canadian Legion Branch #44 executive committee, recently attended a parade night for the Whitecourt Air Cadets to deliver a check for two thousand dollars in support of the youth organization. The legion committee has supported the air cadets for years, enabling the squadron's parent-run committee to afford the cost of building upkeep and to pay for meals or extras for the kids during special events. Ling (second from left) was joined by Captain Krasey (middle), two of the evening's best-dressed cadets, Sargent Thomas and Flight Corporal Spilman, as well as the chair of the Squadron Sponsorship Committee, Jay Thebeau, for the check presentation. Pictured are Sargent Thomas and Flight Corporal Spilman (far right) had just received best-dressed honours moments before the presentation.



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Photos submitted by the Whitecourt Horse Club

From a horse's perspective.



Club members checking out a trail.

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home. And it doesn't stop there.

Ward said that once approved as trail masters, they will be eligible for grants.

"We want to put in a staging area with pens so that people can safely put their horses in and camping spots too so that people can go out there and camp responsibly. It must be people with horses or people camping for hiking, and they can't come with quads or anything like that.

We are also looking at outhouses," said Ward.

As things move closer to fruition, the excitement locally and provincially keeps

growing. "We have a lot of interest around Alberta. People say they would love to come and ride in this area because they can get a few days' worth of riding in. Like I said, it's difficult to find a safe place to ride your horse."

Another bonus for the area is that horses don't need shoes. "You don't have to shoe your horse to ride in this area, and that's a huge expense. If you're going to ride in the mountains or anywhere like that, you have to, but to ride in this area, you don't. You can ride barefoot. It's an awesome area to ride horses in," said Ward.

She said having a safe place to go would

be a nice change for the large contingent of local riders. "The motorbikes have a spot. The biking club has a spot. All these organizations have places to use, and we want a spot too. We used to be able to use many more areas, but it's not safe for us to do that now. We need to make a spot for the horses too."

Residents can help by signing a letter of support at Roots to Flowers in Whitecourt or by checking out the club's Facebook page, Whitecourt Horse Club. "We really want to see a place available for people to take their kids out to learn to ride safely," said Ward, adding, "and this could be it."



At the Whitecourt Sandhills entrance just off the Old Blue Ridge hwy.

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**.

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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

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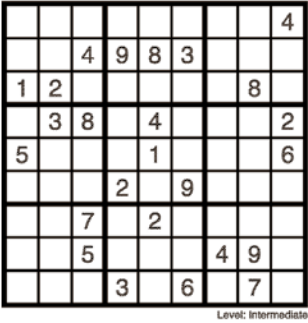
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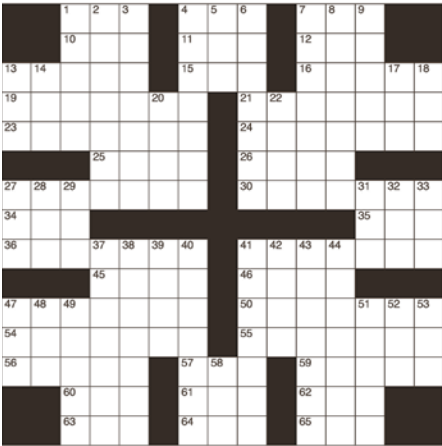
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Crossword Clues

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. English TV station
- 4. It fuels cars
- 7. Where ships dock (abbr.)
- 10. Indigenous people of Thailand
- 11. Midway between northeast and east
- 12. Small Milky Way constellation
- 13. Fritz __, Austrian chemist
- 15. A Brit's grandmother
- 16. Colombian city
- 19. Visualize
- 21. Charged
- 23. People's assets
- 24. Informative books
- 25. Jeer
- 26. You can do it with your horn
- 27. Agents of your downfall
- 30. Central Uganda city
- 34. Supervises flying
- 35. Type of tree
- 36. Alfalfa
- 41. Dishwasher soap brand
- 45. Hall where military eats
- 46. Ancient Greek City
- 47. Speaks incessantly
- 50. Discuss again

- 54. Extreme greed
- 55. Adopt or support
- 56. Fantasy writer Russell
- 57. Seize
- 59. Early Mesoamerican civilization
- 60. Noted pet detective Ventura
- 61. Automobile
- 62. Georgia rockers
- 63. Color opposite green
- 64. Amount of time
- 65. Attempt

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Sheep sound
- 2. Some can be emotional
- 3. Inflammation of colon lining
- 4. Origins
- 5. Comedienne Gasteyer
- 6. Perceived by the senses
- 7. A place to play ball
- 8. Occur before
- 9. Animal body parts
- 13. Thanksgiving dessert
- 14. Root mean square (abbr.)
- 17. 1960s teen idol Bobby
- 18. Promotional materials
- 20. One point east of northeast

- 22. Piers Anthony protagonist
- 27. Popular sports league
- 28. Cologne
- 29. Partner to cheese
- 31. Constrictor snake
- 32. Not good
- 33. Supplement with difficulty
- 37. Hug with fondness
- 38. Enforced again
- 39. Small amount of time (abbr.)
- 40. Substance
- 41. Anterior parts of the brain
- 42. Brews
- 43. Where ships load cargo
- 44. Holiday season singer
- 47. " __ humbug!"
- 48. Monetary unit of Macao
- 49. Popular children's book elephant
- 51. Glutinous
- 52. Function
- 53. Old world, new
- 58. Swiss river

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CHIRPING

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GARDEN
GREEN
GROWS
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NEST
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REBIRTH
SAPLING
SHOWERS
SPRING
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The Easter Bunny made a special visit to Pat Hardy School.



A school wide pancake breakfast was enjoyed by Whitecourt Central Students to kick off the end of education week.

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A look at the local weather		Wed., April 23	Thu., April 24	Fri., April 25	Sat., April 26	Sun., April 27
	P.O.P.	40%	20%	20%	60%	40%
	High	11°C	13°C	15°C	15°C	14°C
	Low	-1°C	2°C	2°C	3°C	3°C
	Wind	W 5 km/h	SE 12 km/h	SE 24 km/h	NW 23 km/h	NW 23 km/h
	24-Hr Rain / Snow	-	-	-	1-3mm	<1mm

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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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Putting a face
on suicide



Justin
"JJ"
Madden

Age 18

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.

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- Mondays are in person, at the Family Worship Center upstairs, and online (hybrid) at 7:30pm
- Fridays 7:30pm at the Whitecourt Baptist Church in person only.

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



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Aimee Grierson 780-262-0222

<https://wctcancerwellness.com/>



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.



Branch 44
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Whitecourt Legion presents The 80th
Anniversary of the Liberation of the
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family events, meat draws, pot luck.

Starts 2:30 p.m. Saturday May 3, 2025 at the Legion
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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.

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Family Resource & Crisis Centre

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Meetings are three times each week

- Monday 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm
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The GOLDen girl



Can you tell they are excited?



The REVZ U14 girls had a fantastic week after winning the top prize in the You Go Girl Volleyball Tournament in Spruce Grove last weekend. They played six undefeated games over a gruelling twelve-hour day, including three sets in the final match to crown them as champions. The emotions captured at the end were a combination of exhaustion and the overwhelming realization that they had just won their first medal! And what a medal to win for their first, GOLD! The girls will attend provincials in Strathmore this weekend. Wish them well, Whitecourt!

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Farm Auction for Clayton Rettie of Tiger Lily
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- Plan menus and ensure food meets quality standards
- Estimate food requirements and may estimate food and labour costs
- Supervise activities of sous-chefs, specialist chefs, chefs and cooks
- Arrange for equipment purchases and repairs
- Recruit and hire staff
- May prepare and cook food on a regular basis, or for special guests or functions.

Employment requirements

- Cook's trade certification or equivalent credentials, training and experience are required.
- The certifications of Certified Working Chef (CWC) and Certified Chef de Cuisine (CCC), administered by the Canadian Culinary Institute (CCI) of the Canadian Culinary Federation (CCF) preferred.
- Several years of experience in commercial food preparation, including two years in a supervisory capacity and experience as a sous-chef, specialist chef or chef.
- Red Seal endorsement preferred.
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Sous Chef NOC 62200

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- Supervise activities of specialist chefs, chefs, cooks and other kitchen workers
- Demonstrate new cooking techniques and new equipment to cooking staff
- Prepare and cook complete meals or specialty foods, such as pastries, sauces, soups, salads, vegetables and meat, poultry and fish dishes, and create decorative food displays for special events such as banquets
- Instruct cooks in preparation, cooking, garnishing and presentation of food
- Create new recipes
- May plan menus and requisition food and kitchen supplies
- May prepare and cook meals or specialty foods.
- May requisition food and kitchen supplies.
- Supervise cooks and other kitchen staff

Employment requirements

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- Sous-chefs, specialist chefs and chefs require several years of experience in commercial food preparation.
- Completion of secondary school preferred.

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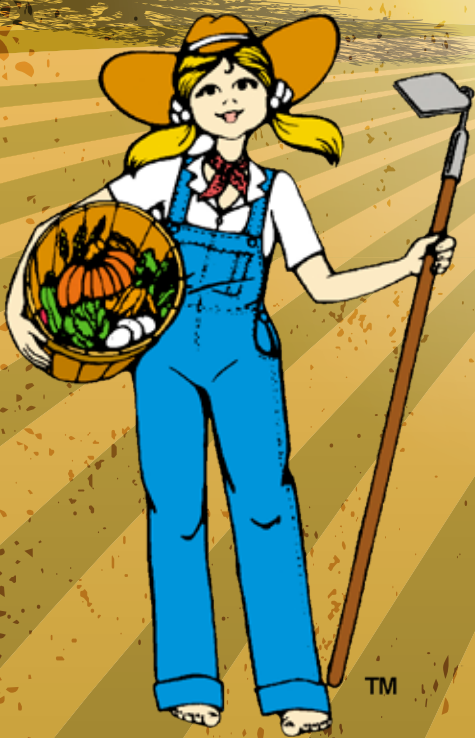
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- 4-5 years' experience in the Food & Beverage Industry.
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- Experience in a casino setting preferred.
- Post secondary education in a related field preferred but not required.
- Training in management 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.
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