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## Bowls for Hope, a growing tradition



Brian Ames with his favourite fundraiser bowl, now his butter dish.

One of the community's most colourful and artistic fundraisers grows in popularity yearly, thanks to a fantastic bunch of generous artisans, dedicated volunteers and a chili chef whose recipe hits the spot every time.



A sea of beauty.

By Serena Lapointe

Since 2016, Whitecourt Potter's Guild members have lovingly taken on a fundraiser that has grown in popularity while beautifying cupboards and dining room tables in homes throughout the community. The Chili Bowl Fundraiser is one of those blink-and-you-miss-out events because, without fail, the bowls sell out every year, and the chili pot is

licked clean.

Janice Janzen has been a member of the Potter's Guild since 2013 and has been volunteering at Tennille's Hope since 2014. When the guild decided to fundraise for the soup kitchen, Janzen's connection to it as a volunteer put her in the lead spot to get things going.

She brought the idea to Wanda Belbin, manager at Tennille's. "I

told her about the crazy idea our guild had about making chili bowls as a fundraiser and selling them, and she was like, that's a great idea!" Janzen said the group immediately started figuring out the logistics and getting bowls into the kiln.

"We had twelve members in the guild, and we made 67 bowls that year. We thought

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***Volunteers wrapping buns.***

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we were rock stars because we sold them all,” she laughed. “The next year, we got a few more members and sold a few more bowls, and each year it just got bigger and bigger, with more members and more bowls.”

At only \$25 a bowl,

residents get a steal of a deal, receiving a one-of-a-kind locally made piece of art and a bowl of piping hot home-made chili. In year one, the fundraiser made \$1,340. In 2017, they sold 113 bowls, making \$2,260. They upped the available bowls again in 2018, selling 135 and making \$2,700.

The number of bowls available corresponds with how many bowls guild members can make by a week or two away from the event, counting in every last-second bowl possible. Without fail, the event always sells out, something that

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**Bowls in progress.**



***The bowls packed up the night before chili day.***

# PUBLIC NOTICE

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## VITALIZATION GRANT PROGRAM

The Vitalization Grant Program offers businesses located in the downtown core and along the Highway 43 corridor up to \$10,000.00 to enhance the exterior facade of their business or property to meet the Town's architectural theme of stone and wood. The stone and wood theme has been incorporated in Land Use Bylaw 1577 and is now an integral part of renovations. This grant helps us to build a vibrant and beautiful community for both residents and visitors alike.

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Re: Vitalization Grant Program, 5004 52nd Avenue, Box 509, Whitecourt, AB T7S 1N6  
Ph: 780-778-2273  
Fax: 780-778-2062  
[planning@whitecourt.ca](mailto:planning@whitecourt.ca)

## NOTICE OF DECISION

The following decisions were made by the Municipal Planning Commission:

Application 25-016: Discretionary Use – Home Occupation, Day Home at 23 Auttreux Drive – Approved with conditions.

Application 25-018: Discretionary Use Application for Equipment Sales, Rental and Repair, Heavy at 3420 33 Street, Bay 1 – Approved with conditions.

**Date of Decisions:** April 24, 2025   **Appeal Closes at 4:00pm:** May 15, 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.



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# Reminiscing with Residents: Spruceview Lodge edition with Sandra Krischuk

The third installment of this series, where longtime residents of Whitecourt share their memories, features Sandra Krischuk, who has lived in the community since she was a toddler. Read on to hear about her mischievous side and her adventures with the rodeo.

By Serena Lapointe

Growing up in Whitecourt in the 1940s and 1950s was a memory-filled time that Spruceview Lodge resident Sandra Krischuk looks back on fondly. She has called Spruceview home for the last few years and moved to Whitecourt when she was three. “My mother was born here,” she explained. “Her dad was a millwright and came to work at Millar Western.”

Krischuk had extended family in the community, including her uncle, a name most will recognize as John Dahl. “We lived down near where the Millar Western office is now. There was no road or street between our lot and the lumber pile,” said Krischuk. “Our yard was a one-acre lot. Where the bowling alley used to be was my grandfather and grandmother’s lot, and we were behind them, closer to the Wellspring building area.”

The other families in the area had children, forming a friend group. “We had the run of the town. The railroad track ran straight to the planer mill, and there was a little creek

behind it, on the other side of the railroad tracks. It was Beaver Creek. It went right through the yard until it joined the McLeod River just before the mouth of the McLeod got to the Athabasca,” explained Krischuk.

“We used to build rafts and go on Beaver Creek. If we got caught, that was a big no-no,” she laughed. “We weren’t supposed to do it because you could fall off and drown. But kids will be kids, and so, we did it.” They also loved fishing in it. “We would get little rainbow trout and grayling in that creek. We were allowed to do that. It wasn’t a wide creek, but you couldn’t jump across it, and it was deep enough for fish. We would catch them and bring them home.”

With the railway beside them, the group had another thing they liked to do. “Mr. Warchola ran the speeder. In those days, the speeder was a hand crank that went up and down the track. He would get off work and, of course, be tired, and us kids would take it. He had two sons who chummed with us, and we would all go for

a ride with the speeder. We always made sure we put it back,” laughed Krischuk.

And the mischief didn’t stop there. “We used to go through the yard at Millar and swim in the McLeod. We would skip school and go. We got caught a few times,” she laughed. She also admitted to playing hide and seek in the woodpile. “It was a little bit of mischief,” giggling in the way that only a sweet grandmother could. “We had fun,” she smiled.

They also loved picking berries. “Us kids used to take our bikes and ride up the hill, and we would pick blueberries and later cranberries. Our parents used to drive us, with a picnic lunch, my mother and grandmother, on the road to Blue Ridge in the Sandhills for strawberries when it was hot. Oh, they were good!”

As children often did, Krischuk entered the workforce young. As a tall young lady, standing five-foot-four by the time she hit double digits, she began waitressing at the BA

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Café, where the Ramada Hotel is now when she was only ten.

"I was mature young. We all had to be. A ten-year-old now would be different than when I was ten. I worked after school and on week-ends."

Krischuk said she was one of the only kids in her friend group to be working at that age, but said it was necessary.

"My mom and dad split up, and we needed the extra money. She went and worked at a grocery store. Years later, she said that I made more money waitressing than she did at the grocery store. I didn't know that then. There were three younger children and me, and we needed winter clothes and some summer stuff," explained Krischuk.

At sixteen, Krischuk left Whitecourt, newly married, to follow her husband as he worked on drilling rigs. "I was one of those smart, know-it-all teenagers," she laughed. "I had our first child on my seventeenth birthday, and everybody said you can't have just one. You have to have at least two.

So, fourteen months later, I had my last one."

The family settled in Fort St. John once the kids were old enough to start school. Krischuk said she returned to Whitecourt every summer to help her mom with the rodeo and chuckwagon races, staying for a month and a half.

The rodeo was a big part of her upbringing, and she enjoyed it.

When she visited, she got to see the changes happening in Whitecourt. "I remember coming back and Uncle John showing us what he was trying to get built up where the Forest Interpretive Centre is and all the things he had up there, the little buildings and equipment," explained Krischuk.

Over the summers she visited, the rodeo grounds transitioned from downtown Whitecourt to where they now sit, at the Westward Hall. Krischuk said they gave the air cadets a place in the blue building, which they still use and gave

some of the bleachers to the River Boat Club. "They had big functions when they had races and nowhere for people to sit other than along the bank, which was dangerous along the Athabasca."

As her children grew up, Krischuk began spending more time in Whitecourt helping her mom and doing something she wished she could still do today.

"I travelled with them, racing on the rodeo circuit (chuckwagons)." She travelled throughout Alberta, Saskatchewan and into BC and only stopped six or so years ago. "It was so much fun."

Krischuk got to see the community grow up right alongside her, changing year by year. "It was a nice, good town to grow up in," she said with a smile. "My sister-in-law was here visiting the other day, and we talked about how she remembered taking lunches to school. Us kids didn't. I remember taking lunch once, and by the time I got my sandwich open, I had every one of those bus kids watching to see what I had because they had already finished theirs," laughed Krischuk. "After that, I went home for lunch," she laughed again.

When thinking about how kids live today, Krischuk feels they don't explore like she did growing up. "I wish kids did that more. Just getting outside and exploring. Like finding our own ski hill and sliding through the trees. It was really fun to grow up doing that."

Thank you, Sandra, for sharing memories from growing up in this community we call home. From your grandfather's gift of reindeer mukluks to Uncle John Dahl marrying your first teacher at Central School (Miss Herd) to your love for Chinese food and the "black gumbo" surface of Highway 43, between Sangudo and Mayerthorpe that would somehow be sticky and slippery at the same time making travel tricky some days.

Reading about your experiences will bring back memories for some and paint a new picture for others, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to share them.

## Fundraiser fun



A group ready to paint.



All finished.



The event included 45 painters.

**Last week, Creative Canvas Whitecourt owner Kristi Thebeau held a fundraiser for the Whitecourt Air Cadets. Forty-five attendees joined the event, painting their way through an aurora borealis night sky created by Vera M. The step-by-step tutorial by Thebeau guided the group to the finished result, featuring a colourful sky and a dark tree vignette. Funds raised during the event help support the cadet organization with building management, program supplies and meals for cadets during weekend or full-day activities. Since the youth program is free, community support through fundraisers like this is hugely impactful.**



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continues to surprise the members. The guild has 40 members now, which is the limit for their space. “We are very proud of what we do and of the group we are getting to give to. Everybody feels really good when it’s done,” said Janzen.

She said it’s an honour to know that community members want their bowls, adding that they’ve never had a complaint. “We let new potters know that people will be excited about their bowls no matter what they make. They know they’ve made the bowl, and that’s what matters most,” explained Janzen. “It shocks me every year when we put the advertisement on Facebook. This year, on the first day, I think we sold 150 bowls. It’s amazing. The support we get from the community is amazing.”

Aside from 2021, when they couldn’t run the event, 2020 was the only year bowl sales dipped slightly due to COVID. Other than that, sales have increased every single year. Thanks to new members joining the guild, there were more hands to create bowls, growing availability by leaps and bounds.

Each piece is a labour of love, taking nearly two weeks from start to finish.

From forming the bowl to trimming and drying it, firing it in the kiln and glazing it, making a work of art takes time, and each guild member is asked to provide bowls as part of their membership.

Earlier this month, the group sold 288 bowls, raising \$7,385 for Tennille’s Hope Soup Kitchen, more than four times the bowls made and more than five times the dollars raised from year one. Even fourteen people on the waiting list snagged bowls, thanks to some last-minute creations that were ready in time.

Since 2016, the guild has raised \$36,228 for Tennille’s Hope. These dollars have been a huge help to the soup kitchen, enabling them to do things that their yearly budget would never allow. Janzen said they’ve gotten knives, stainless-steel counters, and chair covers and are buying new tables.

“When someone needs something, we always have gift cards on hand that are either donated to us or that we buy,” she added.

“One hundred percent of the money made goes to the soup kitchen. The potters donate the clay, their time, and their special glazes. We even recycle some of our clay with the trimmings from other projects to make bowls,” explained Janzen.

Throughout the fall and winter, members attend classes on Thursdays and Saturdays to learn how to make, shape and glaze their bowls. “Two members of the guild volunteer to run those classes. Some of our bowls are square, some are oval, and some have different techniques and designs. Those workshops have caught on the last two years, and that’s why we have been able to make so many bowls.”

This year, at pick-up, Janzen asked some repeat buyers what they do with all the bowls they’ve collected. “This one lady said she doesn’t have any other soup bowls in her cupboards, just our chili bowls. Another lady told me that she gives them away as gifts.”

She said one lady

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buys five bowls each year, one each for herself, her husband and their three children. “She said they are putting bowls away for each of the kids, like a hope chest, for when they go away to college,” said Janzen. Every chili day, she looks forward to texts from friends letting her know they got one of her bowls or showing her which one they got.

“When you go to their house and see a bowl, you’re like, oh my gosh, I think that’s a chili bowl! I always lift the bowl to see whose it is.” One of the best aspects of the day grew out of necessity and has now added a game-like element to the fundraiser that buyers love. “Year one, we had the bowls all lined up, and we would put them in the bag as customers watched us, and they

would ask for a different one, and it took way too long.” The group decided to make it a surprise, putting the bowls inside brown paper bags. The bags worked, but one extra tweak to the process made things even better, staples. “When they would deliver to bigger groups, like a workplace, the people who ordered it were the first to see the bowls if the bags were open, and they would pick

their favourite. I heard that people didn’t like that,” laughed Janzen. “So, now we staple the bags so people can’t look at them, and they have to pick a bag, with no peeking allowed,” she chuckled. Janzen said the guild is grateful for the community’s support of Tennille’s Hope and their artistic creations, thanking everyone for making the fundraiser a big success. “See you next year!”



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2025 HERBICIDE APPLICATION PROJECT

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63	23, 24	W5M

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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.

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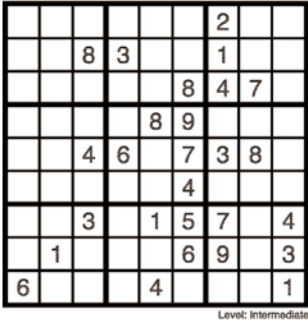
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Crossword Clues

CLUES ACROSS

1. Narrow piece of wood
5. African desert
11. Waxy covering on birds' beaks
12. Sour
16. Infrequent
17. Former AL MVP Vaughn
18. Policemen wear one
19. Out of the question
24. Used to chop
25. Symptoms
26. Not moving
27. Folk singer DiFranco
28. Comedian Armisen
29. Quantitative fact
30. Incline from vertical
31. Scottish musician
33. Rooney and Kate are two
34. Positioned
38. A very short time
39. Tropical American shrubs
40. Yemen capital
43. Spanish municipality
44. Medical professionals
45. Fibrous material
49. Confined condition (abbr.)

50. Without covering
51. "Mad Men" honcho Don
53. Hockey position
54. Taste property
56. Fertile spots in a desert
58. They precede C
59. "Requiem for a Dream" actor Jared
60. Try a criminal case
63. Liberal rights organization
64. Spoke
65. Insect repellent

CLUES DOWN

1. Unshaven facial hair
2. More thin
3. Show up
4. Seethed
5. Ancient Greek city
6. Poisonous plant
7. Hello
8. College sports official
9. Monetary unit of Russia
10. Wings
13. Take too much of a substance
14. A citizen of Uganda
15. Most appealing
20. Atomic #18
21. Global investment

- bank (abbr.)
22. Jewish calendar month
23. Popular sandwich
27. Swiss river
29. Incorrect letters
30. Popular entree
31. Foot (Latin)
32. A driver's license is one form
33. Extinct flightless bird
34. Appetizer
35. After battles
36. It neutralizes alkalis
37. Beverage container
38. Partner to "Pa"
40. Gray American rail
41. Salt of acetic acid
42. Canadian province
44. Dish made with lentils
45. Narrative poem of popular origin
46. For each one
47. Come to terms
48. Test
50. More dishonorable
51. Unit of loudness
52. The Ocean State
54. Monetary unit in Mexico
55. Lying down
57. Thus
61. Where LA is located
62. Western State

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- ACCENT
- ARMOIRE
- ARTISTIC
- ASYMMETRY
- BALANCE
- COLOR
- CONCEPT

CONTRAST

- DESIGNER
- FABRIC
- FLOORING
- FOCUS
- HARMONY
- LAYERING
- LIGHTING

MODERN

- MOLDING
- MONOCHROMATIC
- PROPORTIONS
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- SOFA
- STYLE
- TEXTURE
- TRADITIONAL

Another new business



Chopped Leaf has joined the community.

There was lots of new business activity last week. One new business, Dollar Tree, officially opened its doors on Thursday, down by Staples. Another new business in the same area was revealed as the sign for Chopped Leaf was placed beside Liquor Town, just down from Original Joe's. Crews could be seen moving equipment inside the building into the weekend.



Canfor (Whitecourt) Forest Management Plan Open House

This spring, Canfor Whitecourt will be holding an in-person open house on May 13<sup>th</sup> at the Forest Interpretative Centre from 4-7PM. The general public and stakeholders will have the opportunity to review and participate in the development of our 2027 Forest Management Plan (FMP). This provides the general public and stakeholders an opportunity to review the values, objectives, indicators and targets (VOIT's) that guide the FMP process. Join us to be a part of Canfor Whitecourt FMP development at the Forest Interpretive Centre on May 13<sup>th</sup> from 4-7PM.

Alternatively, you can visit us at [www.canforforestmanagement.ca](http://www.canforforestmanagement.ca) to view information on our upcoming plans. This is your opportunity to influence our plans, so we would appreciate any comments and concerns that you may have.

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### Executive Chef NOC 62200

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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.
- Management training preferred.

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## Eagle River Casino & Travel Plaza

### Sous Chef NOC 62200

**Primary Responsibilities**

- Supervise activities of specialist chefs, chefs, cooks and other kitchen workers
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- 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

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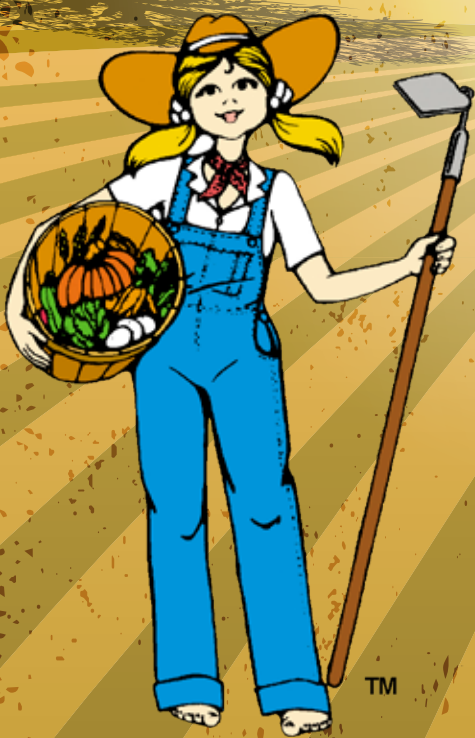
### Other 2025 Special Markets scheduled in the Curling Rink

Saturday June 14,

July 12, August 9,

September 13

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## Eagle River Casino & Travel Plaza

### Now Hiring Food & Beverage Supervisor

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- Assist for scheduling, disciplinary actions, training and mentoring for staff of food and beverage outlets.
- 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.
- 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.

#### QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

- 4-5 years' experience in the Food & Beverage Industry.
- 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.
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## Eagle River Casino & Travel Plaza

### 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.  
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### Now Hiring Cashiers NOC 65100

#### RESPONSIBILITIES

- Greet customers
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- Calculate total payments received at end of work shift and reconcile with total sales
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