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It's not every day that someone from Whitecourt is on a reality TV show, but for Mark Manysiak, a born and bred Whitecourtian, that experience is as real as construction season in Alberta. Pictured is Manysiak hauling heavy hay bales through a farmers field.

Local man competes in Canada's Ultimate Challenge

By Serena Lapointe

Thirty-five-yearold Mark Manysiak was born and raised in Whitecourt, where he grew his love for adventure and physical fitness, exploring the area he called home. As he got older, he let his wings flutter, taking his adventurous nature on the road, seeing and experiencing new things.

A few years ago, along with his brother Adam, Manysiak auditioned for Amazing Race Canada, a show him and his family love

lows duos, including family pairings, friends and married couples as they travel, doing challenges. unique learning about different cultures and avoiding elimination. It's a fastpaced adventure that makes for good television, especially for those like Manysiak. who love the thrill it showcases.

The brothers applied for season nine and were surprised to find themselves moving along in the application

to watch. The show fol- process. "We got to the point where we were meeting with some of the producers," explained Manysiak. The brothers didn't make it that year but tried again the following year.

Again, they didn't make it, but Manysiak made friendships, including one with a producer with whom he kept in touch.

"For whatever reason, the fellow kept our resumes aside, and he reached out to me in

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High-speed action, some trickery and huge hits mark the start of the Wolverines' 2025 playoff experience



The first round of the AJHL playoffs is in the bag. A surprising elimination in the southern division and a near sweep in the north were two interesting bits worth telling, along with the path to victory for the home team. See story page 8.



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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

REQUEST FOR TENDER

Current opportunities are posted on the Town's website and when required, opportunities are posted on purchasing connection.ca. Currently, Whitecourt has the following tenders posted:

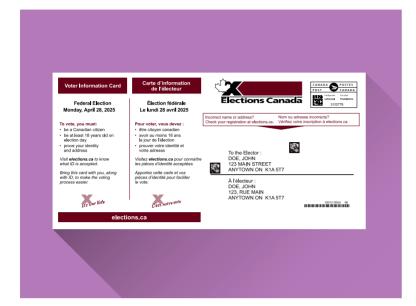
- 47 Street Sewer Replacement Closes: April 15, 2025
- FireSmart Vegetation Management Project Closes: April 25, 2025

For further details visit www.whitecourt.ca and search the project title.

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COMMUNITY NOTICE

ANNUAL VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

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CN only uses herbicides that have been approved for use in Canada and in the province within which they are applied.

The program is expected to take place from May to October 2025.

Visit **www.cn.ca/vegetation** for more information or to make an inquiry, contact the CN Public Inquiry Line at **contact@cn.ca** or 1-888-888-5909.



SCHOOL NEWS



Pat Hardy School recently shared their appreciation for their librarian, Mrs. Arcand. Her hard work and patience make a lasting impact on students and staff alike.



ith heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Calvin Conroy Bos on Saturday, March 31, 2025, at the age of 55.

Born May 8, 1969, Calvin was a man

Born May 8, 1969, Calvin was a man of deep contrasts and immense spirit—a gentle giant with a gruff exterior and a heart that was warm, loyal, and endlessly generous. He was known for his straight talk, quick wit, and strong opinions—but also for showing up when it mattered most. If you were lucky enough to be part of Calvin's circle, you knew it. He didn't coddle, but he cared deeply—always ready to give you the push he thought you needed, because he believed in you even when you didn't believe in yourself.

He was predeceased by his loving parents, Arvin and Mary Bos, and his sisters, Karla and Vonda. He is survived by his brother Kevin, his chosen daughter Melissa LaBounty (Devin Webb), and his adored granddaughters Kaitlyn, Lily, and Ariel, who brought him endless pride and joy.

Calvin had a way of making people feel safe and seen. His hands were rough from work, but always extended in kindness. He was generous with his time, his presence, and his wisdom—offering help where he could, and honesty where it counted.

He will be lovingly welcomed on the other side by his faithful four-legged companions—Boog, Elliot, and Minnie—who were family to him in every way.

The thing of it is, Calvin's heart just couldn't keep up with the sheer devotion he carried for the people and creatures he loved. He gave so much of himself, and he leaves

behind a legacy of realness, loyalty, and quiet strength.

A Celebration of Life for Calvin will be held on Sunday, April 13, 2025, at the Branch 44 Legion in Whitecourt, from 1:00 to 5:00 PM. We invite you to join us—come by, have a drink, share your stories, and help us celebrate the life of a man who touched so many.

Until then, we encourage you to honour Calvin in your own way: be kind, show up for someone, speak your truth, and don't be afraid to give someone that little nudge forward—just like he always did.







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the summer of 2024." He asked Manysiak if he had ever considered applying for Canada's Ultimate Challenge. He told him that he hadn't and that he hadn't even watched the show before. After checking out an episode from a previous season, Manysiak threw his name in and got picked.

"I had always kind of prepared for this without even knowing it. I've always been physically active and interested in balance, juggling, slacklining and climbing mountains. My lifestyle prepared me for a show like this. I knew I could compete with anything they threw at me. I know there's a game and a strategy part of the show, but I went in with the mindset that I wanted to be the best teammate I could be."

selected Officially for the show, Manysiak entered a longer process, enduring medical psychological tests and other processes that tested his ability to physically and mentally do the show. When all was said and done, he passed. "I was then flown out to Toronto to start the show. That was really cool. I was living in Canmore at the time, and they sent a Global Alliance car to pick me up, shuttle me to the airport and fly me to Toronto," he explained.

From there, Manysiak went to a hotel used for reality TV guests, The Sequester Hotel. "You stay there for four days and go through rules and regulations. You don't know anything at that point yet. You don't know who your castmates are, and



Team Red Mark Manysiak.

you don't know where you are going," said Manysiak. The thrill of the unknown only led to more excitement as the first day of filming arrived.

"It's something you cannot explain unless you have been there. Being audio mic'd up with them listening to everything you say and how you work and collaborate as a team. There's a camera in your face, multiple cameras around following you and a drone overhead that you could hear the intensity of as it flied above you," Manysiak recalled.

The first challenge given to the twenty participants was in Tofino, B.C., where they jumped off a barge into the chilly Pacific and swam to a beach. Once

their toes hit the sand, they had to dig to find a shirt, and whatever colour they found was the team they were joining. Manysiak found a red one. "You've got people in boats to ensure everything is ok and safe. You've got medics and a whole orchestra of people around you. It's a lot of everything going on," explained Manysiak. Ultimately, Team Red came from behind in that episode to be in the top two teams.

When Manysiak spoke with the White-court Press about his experience, four episodes were released so far. Speaking of the experience up to that point, Manysiak said his biggest takeaway was how much it felt like family. "We all travelled and got along. It's a

big moving orchestra. We have production. We have people who set up challenges. We have audio people and cameramen. We have cast members and story producers. Many people are involved in this, and I made friends with everybody. To be able to travel and appreciate everybody's part in making this fantastic show, I loved that," he said.

Once filming finished, Manysiak moved back to Whitecourt, and as advertisements for the show started coming out, he began talking about being a cast member and letting people know to check it out. As episodes came out, he was able to talk more about it because, as one can imagine, the results of a show like

this are kept tightly under wraps until things happen publicly.

Talking with people and seeing how happy they were to hear about his adventure, Manysiak decided to hold his own watch party at Sagitawah Brewery in downtown Whitecourt. "The watch party was a beautiful experience. I wanted to do this for the community. There was an episode coming up, episode four, and I knew what would happen because it was an elimination showdown with Team Red. I thought it would be a great time to bring the community together to watch."

Posts on social media, including one from the Allan & Jean Millar Centre Facebook page, helped boost knowledge of the March 27 party, letting people know Manysiak would be raising money for KidSport and partnering with Complete Projects to provide ten youth passes to the AJMC.

"I wanted to raise some money for youth. I wanted to use this experience, not for myself, but for the community, to bring everybody together and support a local business, Sagitawah Brewery.

It's been quiet down there, and if I can help get the place packed, that would make me feel good." Manysiak did precisely what he hoped, filling the restaurant and helping raise \$1,000 for KidSport Whitecourt. "I'm extremely proud about it. The turnout at the brewery, and the smiles and warmth in the brewery that day were great."

Manysiak said he hopes to do another reality TV show in the

future. "I have such a deep appreciation for the whole process. It blew my mind to see what it took to make one of these shows. It's not just about the cast. It's about everybody behind the scenes and all the hard work that went into it. All those credits at the end of each episode? I know those people, and it's beautiful," said Manysiak.

A self-described ball of energy, Manysiak said he never thought this path would be one he would be on, but he's loving it. "I never thought I would want to pursue something like this, but after participating in a reality TV show, I really liked it. All of it. It would be nice to get onto Amazing Race Canada because I've tried already in the past, so maybe the third time's the charm."

Manysiak said he hopes people check out the show to see all the crazy hard things him and the other contestants did, including hanging off a Vancouver high rise, digging for dinosaurs in Drumheller, canoeing the Sault Ste. Marie Canal and then crossing it on a slackline, a hoop puzzle atop the Saskatoon Traffic Bridge, and a Grand Prix challenge at Mont-Tremblant, Quebec.

"There's been so much love and support. It's resonated with the community. When you see me on the show, that's me in real life. I was authentically Mark. There's no acting," said Manysiak.

Residents can catch Manysiak on Season Three of Canada's Ultimate Challenge on Thursdays on CBC. Go. Team Red!



Quickly moving a hefty wheel barrel of rocks.

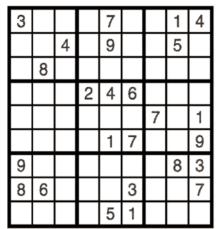


A selfie with supporters at Mark's watch party.





SUDOKU



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!

39. Not shallow

44. Hindu male religious

46. Highly spiced stew

52. Astronomer Carl

58. A slender tower with

60. A disrespectful quality

1. Popular Sunday dinner

62. Fully shaded inner

63. Short convulsive

intake of breath

CLUES DOWN

2. Oil cartel

41. Doctor

42. Furniture

47. A way to

communicate

balconies

regions

option

49. Almost last

56. Small horses

Here's How It Works:

CLUES ACROSS

1. Garden tool

11. Gratitude

15. Simpler

liquid

index

28. Pop

(abbr.)

association

29. Device

30. Actor Rudd

5. A way to preserve

14. Domestic sheep

18. Cavities containing

19. Large fish-eating bird

21. Ocular protection

23. Phil __, former CIA

32. A pituitary hormone

33. Focus on an object

35. Corpuscle count

36. Young women's

24. Icelandic poems

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric dues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Crossword Clues

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3. Agile

- 4. Greek goddess of discord
- 5. Genetically distinct variety
- 6. Indicates badly
- 7. Popular Mr. T character
- 8. Consumed
- 9. Chinese dynasty
- 10. NFL great Randy
- 12. Within
- 13. Palm trees
- 16. Fungal disease
- 17. Tall, slender-leaved plants
- 20. Affirmative! (slang)
- 22. A passport is one 25. Two outs in baseball
- (abbr.)
- 26. Swiss river 27. Deferential
- 29. Where a bachelor lives
- 31. Portable computer

screen material

- 34. A crying noise of a bird
- 36. Sticky, amorphous substance
- 37. Starchy dish of dried tubers
- 38. Type of acid
- 40. Partner to "Ma"
- 43. 16 ounces
- 45. The Bay State
- 48. A well-defined track or path
- 50. Substitution
- 51. Defined period
- 53. Group of toughs
- 54. Region
- 55. Famed Scottish Loch
- 57. Blood relation
- 58. Not around
- 59. Recipe measurement
- 61. Father to Junior

CROSSWORDS HOROS

(March 21 - April 20)



This week you are going to take action on a project that has been on your mind for awhile, Aries. Trust your instincts, but make sure you are not moving too fast.

TAURUS

(April 21 - May 21)

This week brings an opportunity for intellectual pursuits, Taurus. You might think to enroll in a higher education class or a take a course on a specific hobby that has been on your mind.

(May 22 - June 21)



Partnerships are key right now, Gemini. You might want to pursue new professional relationships. Embrace your ability and willingness to adapt and facilitate change.

CANCER

(June 22 - July 22)



You need to take care of your body and mind, Cancer. Now is as good a time as any to begin this pursuit. Even small adjustments can lead to long-term health benefits.

(July 23 - August 23)

Leo, this is your week to look into matters of self-expression and creativity. Pour your energy into anything that gets you excited. Your enthusiasm may draw others in as well.

VIRGO

(August 24 - September 22)

Virgo, home life takes center stage this week, and you might feel a strong desire to nurture your space. Decluttering and organizing could bring more harmony to your home.

LIBRA

(September 23 - October 23)



Libra, you are able to express your thoughts with clarity and charm, which is why personal relationships often come easy to you. This week you may use this superpower to make friends.

SCORPIO

(October 24 - November 22)



You may soon find yourself reevaluating how you spend your money or what you value most in life, Scorpio. This is a good time to check financial goals and adjust them.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)



There is a sense of fresh energy surrounding you this week, Sagittarius. If you have been putting off something, now is the time to take the leap.

APRICORN



Capricorn, focus on rest and relaxation in the days ahead. You have been putting in a lot of work lately and now is a time to focus on your inner self and recharge.

(January 21 - February 18)



Collaborations with others could prove fruitful this week, Aquarius. Don't hesitate to lean on your social network when you need to get something done.

PISCES

(February 19 - March 20)



You might be presented with a way to take your professional life to the next level, Pisces. Strategize about how to move forward in this regard, and think through all decisions.





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Another successful fundraiser for the Potters' Guild





After months and months of choosing colours, hand-shaping and firing their creations in the kiln, the Whitecourt Potters' Guild held their highly popular Chili Bowl Fundraiser supporting Tennille's Hope Soup Kitchen last week. As pictured, the artisans created a wide array of beautiful bowls, each with its own unique design, lovingly crafted by a generous bunch who do it all from the goodness of their hearts. This year, 288 bowls sold, raising nearly \$7,400 for the soup kitchen, thanks to generous sponsors, amazing volunteers and hungry citizens. Way to go, Whitecourt!

2025 ANNUAL ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN

Woodlands County is seeking interested volunteer groups to conduct roadside clean-up Saturday, May 3, 2025, with Saturday, May 10, 2025, being the alternate date. The roadways within Woodlands County are as follows:

Provincial Roads	County Managed Roads		
Carson-Pegasus Provincial Park Road	Flats/Trestle Road		
Secondary 661 - Esso to Gravel	Horse Creek Road		
Secondary 661 - Gravel to Ferry	Pride Valley Road		
Secondary 658 - Goose Lake to Hwy 33			
Secondary 658 - Christmas Creek to Goose Lake	Timeu (RR45)		
Secondary 658 - Christmas Creek to Hwy 43	West Mountain Road		
Secondary 751 - Hwy 43 to Secondary 647	East Mountain, Tower and Cutacross Road		
Secondary 647 - RR100 and Secondary 751 south to TWP560A	Old Ferry Road		
Hwy 32 South to TWP 580	Old Blue Ridge Highway Pavement		
Hwy 32 North for 35 KM	Westridge		
	Bison		
	Robison		
	Schuman Lake Campground		

Woodlands County will donate \$100 per kilometer (includes both sides) of roadway cleaned.

Volunteer groups will be covered under Woodlands County general liability insurance policy.

A mandatory training session for "Road Managers" of participating organizations will be held at the Woodlands County Municipal Office in Whitecourt and at the Woodlands County Regional Municipal Office in Fort Assiniboine on Monday, April 28, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.

Woodlands County reserves the right to assign roadway sections.

Deadline for letter of application:

Thursday, April 17, 2025

Please send an email or letter of interest, which includes your contact phone number, to:

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High-speed action, some trickery and huge hits mark the start of the Wolverines' 2025 playoff experience



A corner collision but the Wolverine stayed on his feet.

By Serena Lapointe

After a fantastic regular season showing for the Whitecourt Wolverines, fans were likely expecting no less than that effort or even better as the team headed into the postseason, sitting atop first place in the AJHL North. And the fans were right to expect it. Their first postseason series just wrapped up, and it was a tight affair against the Fort McMurray Oil Barons.

Expectations on the series were mixed, as the two teams had a close battle in the regular season, and it could have gone either way. It would all come down to who wanted it most.

Games one and two were held back-to-back on Friday, March 21, and Saturday, March 22, and set the tone for what fans could expect from the series. Around 600 fans took in each game, raising excitement inside JDA Place. Both games finished with the same score, but each team took one of the victories, splitting things down the middle right off the bat.

In game one, things started feisty just moments after the first puck drop with hits levelled by both the Wolverines and Oil Barons. as the players knocked each other around and slammed each other into the boards. The change from regular season effort to playoff effort was apparent. Even the speed of the passes between players was cranked skyward a few notches, and their feet were moving, fast.

Things also looked to be getting a little bit devious. One of the Oil Barons dropped to the

ice after a seemingly mild hit, remaining motionless for a time before needing support from a teammate and the team's medical personnel to get to his feet and slowly make his way to the bench. His demeanour made him look quite hurt, and a penalty against the Wolverines resulted from the play. However, that same player was back on the ice moments later, still during his team's powerplay, skating as if nothing had happened. A ploy? Maybe.

Despite the perceived trickery, the Wolverines pushed forward, with goals from Xavier Lacoste, Jack Pollock and Jalen Bianchet, taking the win, 3-2. Fans energetically whipped around their free Whiteout Whitecourt game day towels from Veren, handed out to the first 500 fans in attendance as they cheered on the home team's win. The following night, the Oil Barons flipped the script, winning by the same score, 3-2. Wolverine Dylan Ruptash got both goals for his team in the loss.

After a couple days of rest the Wolverines hit the road up to Fort McMurray for games three and four on Tuesday, March 25 and Wednesday, March 26. Looking back at the road trip, it was clear that things switched for the Wolverines. Following the loss at home, the team seemed to put on blinders to the excitement and nervous energy of the playoffs surrounding them and instead focused on one thing and one thing only, winning.

Tim Kim, Ewan

McPherson, Xavier Lacoste and Dylan Ruptash each pocketed goals in the win, with Wolverine netminder Zac Onyskiw nearly shutting the door on the Oil Barons completely, allowing only one goal against in the 4-1 victory. In game four the following night, the boys did it again. This time. Braden Keeble. Tyler Rowland, Xavier Lacoste and Dylan Ruptash scored the goals, allowing only two against for a 4-2 win.

Heading home for game five, the Wolverines just had to knock the ball into the cup, so to speak, but it wasn't going to be that easy. The Wolverines scored to make it 1-0 in the second, and the Oil Barons scored in the third to tie it up, but the game needed overtime to find its victor. At 3:49, following some great saves, Wolverine Jalen Bianchet pocke ted his second postseason goal, lifting the hometown fans to their feet and cheering on the team's successful completion of their first 2024/2025 playoff round.

from the first round, one name continued to pop up on the stats sheet; Wolverine Dylan Ruptash. The Edmonton native landed points in four of the five games, ending the series with four goals and one assist to his credit. Last season. Ruptash started his AJHL career playing with the Spruce Grove Saints. In his first regular season with the Whitecourt Wolverines, Ruptash totalled 45 points, including 24 goals, in 52



A long poke.

games. What a start!

Next up for the Whitecourt Wolverines is a tough battle against the Grande Prairie Storm, a series that is currently underway as this article hits print. The Storm blanked their first-round opponent, the Lloydminster Bobcats, 4-0 and the Wolverines are now a wall, standing in their way of the northern title. The two teams split

the regular season with three a piece, so it's anybody's game. Let's go, Wolverines!

Elsewhere in the AJHL, a big shocker from the south has fans scratching their heads as one of the favourites to win the division, the Canmore Eagles, were taken out by the Drumheller Dragons following a huge game-seven loss. The Dragons finished the regular sea-

son nine points below the Eagles, proving that anything can happen in the postseason (who remembers the Edmonton Oilers from 05/06?). The Canmore Kodiaks are also out of contention, winning only one game against the southern leader, the Calgary Canucks. That leaves the first-place and thirdplace teams from the regular season to face off for the south title.



Boom! Get out of my way!



round. The Baron player (middle)
Looking at the stats
from the first round, recovery rate.



Lacoste tossing the puck away after he landed on it.



Rayan with a great shot attempt.



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Fri., April 11

Chance of flurries 60% 11°C -1°C W 21 km/h <1mm

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Sun., April 13 Cloudy with sunny breaks 40% 11°C -1°C NW 11 km/h



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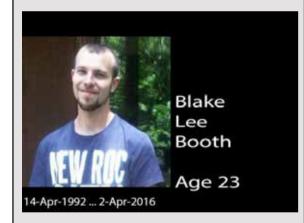
SMS enabled cell phone. KidsHelpPhone Ages 20 Years and Under in Canada 1-800-668-6868 (Online or on the Phone). First Nations and Inuit Hope for Wellness 24/7 Help Line 1-855-242-3310 Canadian Indian Residential Schools Crisis Line 1-866-925-4419

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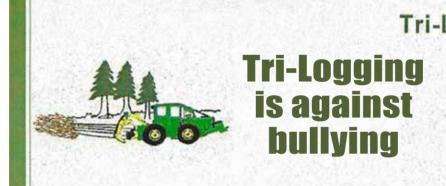
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https://wctcancerwellness.com/



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.



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Goodbye to a charred reminder





The CN train engine involved in a fiery accident at the tracks near the junction of Highway 43 and Highway 32 in August 2023 is finally being removed from its spot by the CN walking bridge in downtown Whitecourt. The accident, which involved a loaded fuel truck colliding with the engine, resulted in a massive fire, which created a column of black smoke visible community-wide, completely closing the highway for hours and partly closing it for days, leaving the tracks, road and engine charred and damaged. While the road and track line were fixable, the engine was not. Thankfully, there were only minor injuries reported that day. Since the accident, the destroyed engine has been sitting just beyond the 47 Street railway crossing, up from Repeat Boutique, visible to anyone driving by the area, a stark reminder of why railway safety is so important. But soon, the burned-out train will be gone for good. Crews began taking apart the engine last week, using an excavator and other machinery to piece it out, bit by bit.



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EVENT CALENDER



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Free, Drop-In	ool Programs: at the Library, all school ages.	1 Afterschool Program 3:30-5:30	2 Afterschool Program 3:30-5:30	3 Story Time 10:30-11:30 Afterschool Program 3:30-5:30 French Homework Help 4-5pm Scrabble Night 6.00pm-7:30	4 Afterschool Program 3:30-5:30	5 Family Movie The Wild Robot 1:00
6	7 Afterschool Program 3:30-5:30 Adult Book Club 2:00	8 Afterschool Program 3:30-5:30	9 Afterschool Program 3:30-5:30 Yap & Yarn 6:00-7:30	10 Story Time 10:30-11:30 Afterschool Program 3:30-5:30 French Homework Help 4:00-5:00	11 Afterschool Program 3:30-5:30	12 Family Movie Peter Rabbit 1:00 Soapstone Carving 1:00-3:00 Conversational Spanish 1:00-2:00
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27	28 Afterschool Program 3:30-5:30	29 Afterschool Program 3:30-5:30	30 Afterschool Program 3:30-5:30	Easter Scavenger Hunt		

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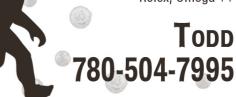
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- Estimate food requirements and may estimate food and labour costs
- Supervise activities of sous-chefs, specialist chefs, chefs and cooks
- Arrange for equipment purchases and repairs
- Recruit and hire staff
- May prepare and cook food on a regular basis, or for special guests or functions.
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- Management training preferred.

Experience: 3-4 years

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Primary Responsibilities

- 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 banguets

Employment requirements

- Cook's trade certification or equivalent credentials, training and experience are required.
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- 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

Culinary Federation (CCF) preferred.

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

Experience: 3-4 years

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Now Hiring Food & Beverage Supervisor

DUTIES AND REPONSIBILITIES

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

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

- 4-5 years' experience in the Food & Beverage · 3-4 years demonstrated experience in supervisory
- within the Food & Beverage Industry.
- · Experience in a casino setting preferred. • Post secondary education in a related field
- preferred but not required.
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Restaurant Assistant Manager NOC 60030

REPONSIBILITIES

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

QUALIFICATIONS

Address:

- · Completion of a college or other program related to hospitality or food and beverage service management is usually required.
- Responsible beverage service certification is usually required
- for managers of establishments serving alcoholic beverages.
- Several years of experience in the food service sector, including supervisory experience, are required.

3 – 4 vears. **Experience:**

Education: Completion of secondary school is usually

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REPONSIBILITIES

- Greet customers
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- Calculate total payments received at end of work shift and reconcile with total sales
- · Verify the age of customers when selling lottery tickets, alcohol or tobacco products
- Operate cash register
- · Process money, cheques, and credit/debit

QUALIFICATIONS

Wage:

Address:

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

- card payments
- Scan Items
- Tabulate total payment for goods or services required
- Receive payment for goods or services
- Calculate daily/shift payments received and reconcile them with total sales
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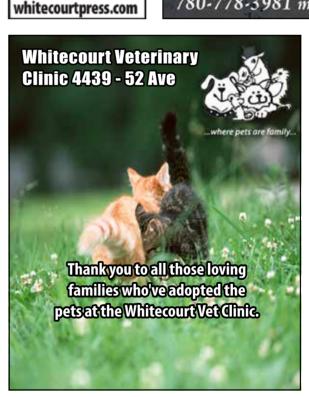
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