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Two-hundred and fifty ducks in heat one.

Soaring Eagle Support Society recently held its First Annual Duck Derby Race at Dahl Drive Sliding Hill. The sold-out event featured 1,000 rubber duckies taking a ride on a giant slip and slide.

Dahl Drive Sliding Hill welcomes 1,000 rubber ducks for a great community cause

By Serena Lapointe

On Wednesday, August 20, at lunchtime, the Dahl Drive sliding hill was popping with excitement and activity, as over 140 people gathered to watch Whitecourt's first rubber ducky race. A long strip of vinyl, six feet wide, reached 150 feet down the popular wintertime spot as spectators lined it on both sides, awaiting the tidal wave of yellow

quackers about to flood down it.

"We are so grateful to all of you guys for buying ducks. One thousand ducks are sold, and one thousand ducks are being raced today," said Cindy Gurney, director of Soaring Eagle Support Society (SESS), with excitement. "It's the first duck race that we understand has been in Whitecourt. We are the original beginners

of the duck derbies of Whitecourt! Today is about supporting Soaring Eagle Support Society, which is a big deal to those of us who are working, volunteering and on the board. We are really glad to have your support. We want to help those who are struggling with housing in Whitecourt, so that everyone has a roof over

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Cancelled Alberta Air Tours event still results in busy CYZU thanks to a Blackhawk and CANSO

By Serena Lapointe

Saturday, August 16, was supposed to be a full house at the Whitecourt Airport, with up to 40 aircraft on the tarmac, allowing attendees to be up close and personal with the pilots and their planes. There were two

events planned back-to-back. From 8:30 am to 10:30 am, pilots were supposed to land at the airport for breakfast, cooked up by the 721 Hawks Squadron Whitecourt Air Cadets, before heading to Slave Lake for lunch and to celebrate the 60th anniversary

celebration for the Slake Lake Airport. But the sky had other plans.

The cloudy, cool weather expected for Saturday morning made the Alberta Air Tours group cancel the event

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Airborne's Blackhawk was a popular addition to the event.

Hot pancakes from the Whitecourt Air Cadets.



The Alberta Air Tours had planned a breakfast stop in Whitecourt last Saturday, but clouds and a low ceiling of visibility changed those plans, cancelling the visit. But the breakfast still went off without a hitch, and over 150 people still visited the Whitecourt Airport and enjoyed a few of the sky's coolest aircraft.



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There were five aircraft on static display.



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the night before. Some pilots had still planned to come, but the morning ceiling was too low. "It's vertical visual distance, which is what pilots can see, from the ground to what you can see directly above you. This morning, the ceiling was 300 feet, and I believe the minimum is 500 feet. When they come down through the clouds, they literally have 300 feet to see the runway. For factors of safety, it needs to be more than that," explained Steve Hollett, Airport Manager.

A couple of pilots showed up the night before, including the CANSO crew from Fairview with their WWII Patrol Bomber CANSO A, FNJE, formerly known as RCAF 11094. The Fairview Aircraft Restoration Society (FARS) has a website dedicated to the restoration and exhibition of their historic aircraft (www.savethecanso.com), frequently attending fly-in events to share it. The warbird was previously converted into a water bomber and used for decades to protect Canadian forests before the society got it.

Attendees at the event at the Whitecourt Airport were able to get up inside the plane, including the pilot's seat, if they dared. The path to the front is not for everyone, requiring some careful maneuvers to climb up. But once there, they could, even if just for a moment, imagine the brave pilots who occu-

ried the very seat they were in during WWII; if the cockpit could only talk.

One by one, youth and adults alike took turns entering the aircraft, stepping in under the massive propellers, walking through to the end and coming out before the tail. The CANSO crew was on hand, eager to talk to attendees and share their experience of working on and flying the plane, sharing tidbits about the plane's history and pictures from its action days.

Though there weren't many planes to see, the ones that were there sure pleased the crowd, including a Blackhawk owned by Airborne Energy Solutions. The bird still features historic pieces

even though it has been painted and retrofitted for today's uses, like a gunner seat and pop-out. Once crew members wheeled it over to the static demonstration site, visitors surrounded the helicopter to take a closer look. Some young attendees even got to sit in the pilot's seat.

The Alberta Air Tours events began during COVID to help pilots get the hours they needed for recurrent training. "A group of pilots got together (Dina Jammaz, Scott Holmes and MLA Shane Getson) and started an event where they fly to different airports and raise awareness of the regional airports in Alberta. Communities get to see what they have next door to a lot of

them, and the pilots get to go to other airports to see what other communities have to offer," explained Hollett.

"They've turned it into kind of a celebration of flight because they get to see different places, different airports and do different things and get communities involved. They make a moment of aviation, because they aren't at any one airport very long," he said. The event lasted for just two hours.

"We've got a combination of both local investments and local businesses that are based here, and we support all of the provincial air infrastructure. Firefighting, especially, is one of the important operations that goes on here. We're thrilled

to partner with local groups. In spite of our cloudy and cool weather, we had about 150 people here today. We want to thank the air cadets, the CANSO, our local pilots and everyone else who contributed to the event," said Bert Roach, Economic Development Officer for Woodlands County.

Hollett said having people visit the airport is important because many people don't realize how busy it is. "You see a lot of people make comments on social media about what planes are flying over, and there are a lot of people who don't know that the airport is so close and that we are one of the top ten busiest airports in Alberta. For the last three years,

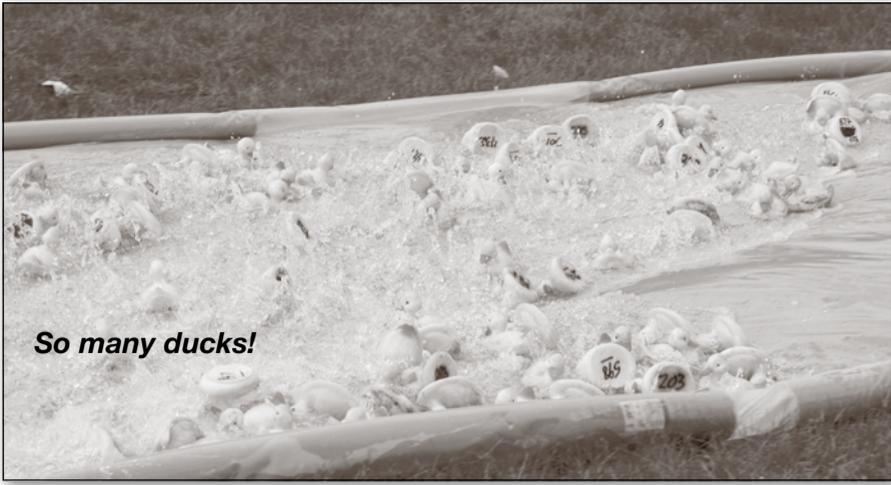
we have done 20,000 movements per year. So, we are up there with some of the bigger airports for the number of movements," he explained.

There are several local businesses stationed at the airport, including a helicopter flight school.

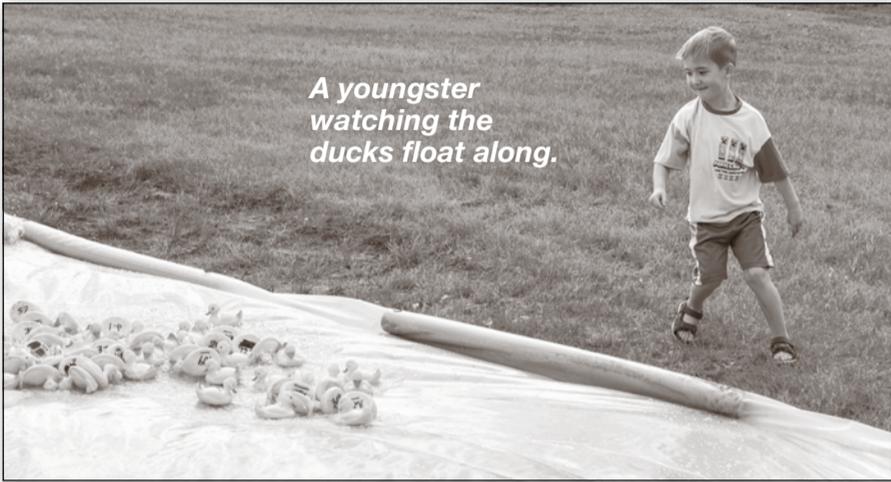
"A lot of training is done here. Everybody gets to hear and see the F-18s come through, and most people love it. In Canada, aviation is not as popular as it is in the United States, but many people are interested in it. These events aren't a bad way to showcase it and maybe grow some interest in aviation because there is demand for pilots and mechanics. It's not a bad industry to get into," he added.

**WWII Patrol Bomber CANSO A, FNJE
formerly known as RCAF 11094.**





So many ducks!



A youngster watching the ducks float along.



All smiles from Watson and Ammar.

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their head. May the best duck win!"

With a countdown of five, four, three, two, one, led by Gurney, the first batch was let loose. At the bottom of the hill were Shelagh Watson, co-founder of SESS, and society president Wissam Ammar, ready to catch the ducks as they landed, quickly grabbing the first duck and the following nine to squeak through. They ran four heats of 250 ducks. The fastest duck in each heat won a gift card, and the top ten ducks from each heat took part in the final race for the grand prize.

"The Duck Derby Race is an idea that we've been throwing around for a few years now. We've had one yearly event, which is Coldest Night of the Year, which has always been a great success. We wanted to tie something into the summer months to allow kids to come outside and experience something when it's not -40," explained Ammar.

Over 30 volunteers helped make the event a success, and the free BBQ, which happened prior, was sponsored by Kaizen Well Solutions. There were also several games set up along the upper portion of the hill, giving kids a chance to run around

and have fun before the race started.

Ammar said he is excited to see where the event grows from here. "We are so appreciative to our community and the town for making sure this is a success. It's our first time around, and we will for sure do this again next year. If we can make it bigger and better every year, then that's awesome."

He said the dollars will go a long way to helping SESS run. "Without the funds, we can't exist."

Without the support of the community, local government, the federal government and provincial government, we can't house

anybody. We're a not-for-profit, so we fully rely on fundraising and government grants. Without that, we can't shelter, pay bills, provide food or help people get the support they need to get back into the community. We are all so close to being in a position where we are volatile, and it's nice to have an organization that, if anyone ends up in that position, there's infrastructure and supports set up so they can transition and get back onto their feet."

The hard work that went into prepping the event, from selling 1,000 tickets to snagging 1,000 ducks and pulling all the pieces

together, is now done. Ammar said once he saw the ducks coming towards him, he knew it was all worth it. "When you plan events like this, you're not sure of the full outcome, but you're optimistic that the outcome is going to be great. So, when you finally see it happen and it's a success, it's rewarding."

He added that knowing where the money is going makes it even better. "It's going back into the community and back into changing people's lives, which is great, because that's what we do at Soaring Eagle. It makes it so much more enjoyable when you do an event

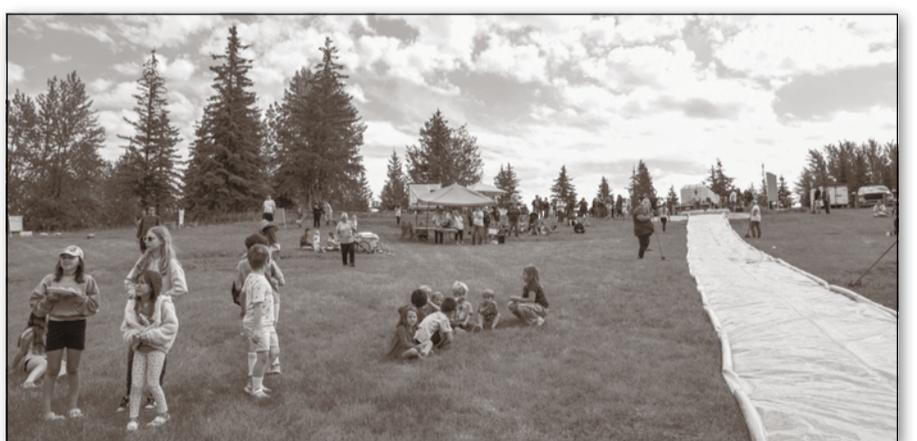
and can add some excitement to it while benefiting something that's so important to some individuals."

Ammar thanked all those who attended and all of the volunteers and sponsors for being part of the First Annual SESS Duck Derby Race. "Without your support and presence, we're just on an empty hill. It makes a significant difference when you have people who are supporting you.

"Thank you so much!" After all the heats, the top duck was #621, taking home not only the grand prize of \$2,500 but also a prize for winning heat two. Talk about a lucky duck!



Watson and Ammar catching ducks at the bottom.



Over 140 people were at the event.



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- 18 years of age or older
- Available to work Election Day, Monday, October 20, 2025 from ~9:00 am to 9:00 pm
- Available for some Advance polls, October 16 OR 18, 2025
- Available to attend 1 of the MANDATORY training sessions held on Monday, October 6, 2025 from 1:30 – 4:00 pm at the Whitecourt Municipal Office OR Tuesday October 7, 2025 from 1:30 – 4:00 pm at the Fort Assiniboine Municipal Office.

WOODLANDS COUNTY MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2025

Preference will be given to those who:

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- have worked a previous federal, provincial or municipal election;
- and who have access to a vehicle and valid driver's license.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BYLAW 630/25 – ADOPTING DRAFT WOODLANDS COUNTY LAND USE BYLAW

| PLACE | DATE | TIME |
|---|-------------------------------|--------|
| Woodlands County Municipal Office Council Chambers, 61053A Hwy 33, Fort Assiniboine, AB | Tuesday September 9, 2025 | 5:15pm |
| Woodlands County Municipal Office Council Chambers, #1 Woodlands Lane Whitecourt, AB | Wednesday, September 10, 2025 | 5:15pm |

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 692 of the Municipal Government Act, the Council of Woodlands County is considering the adoption of Draft Woodlands County Land Use Bylaw No. 630/25 and repealing Bylaw 490/17 Land Use Bylaw with amendments. The purpose of Draft Bylaw 630/25 is to update the current Land Use Bylaw 490/17 document; a highlight of the major proposed changes is as noted below:

- 1. Consolidation of Land Use Districts** – Several similar districts have been combined. For example, the existing Agriculture 1 and Agricultural 2 districts are now consolidated into a single Agriculture “A” district.
- 2. Streamlined Land Use Definitions** – Similar land uses have been grouped to reduce the total number of definitions and enhance clarity.
- 3. Tree Clearing Regulations** – A Development Permit will now be required for most tree-clearing activities.
- 4. Updated Housing Approach** – In certain districts, the number of potential dwellings per parcel has been increased, subject to applicable zoning regulations.
- 5. Garden Suite Changes** – The previous requirement for affidavits has been removed. Applicants may now apply for permanent second homes instead.
- 6. New Secondary Suite Framework** – More flexible options for secondary suites have been introduced, categorized as internal or external based on zoning.
- 7. Noise Exposure Forecast (NEF) Overlay** – An NEF overlay has been added to the zoning map to ensure that noise-sensitive land uses, such as schools, are not developed near CYZU Airport.
- 8. Renewable and Alternative Energy Development** – A new section supports and introduces regulations for renewable and alternative energy initiatives within the County.
- 9. Computational Processing Facilities** – New regulations address the growth of these technologies and their compatibility with surrounding uses.
- 10. Updated Hazard Land Regulations** – Revisions address development in flood-prone areas,

steep slopes, and wildfire risk zones.
11. Simplified Subdivision Approval – The CAO (or their designate) has been added as a subdivision authority. This allows administration to approve simple subdivisions, expediting the approval process.

Pursuant to Section 606(6) of the MGA and Woodlands County Bylaw 557 Public Hearing Procedures (copy of bylaw can be found on the County Website) any person wishing to file a written submission shall file that submission a minimum of 6 days prior to the date of the public hearing and will be included in the Council agenda package.

Written submissions shall be received no later than:
4:30 p.m. on September 4, 2025.
Submissions may be mailed or emailed to:
Woodlands County
Box 60
Whitecourt AB T7S 1N3
Attention: Planning & Development/Land Use Bylaw Review
Email: planning@woodlands.ab.ca

Written Submission shall be legible, identify the writer, the writer's address and telephone number, and; not be libelous, impertinent or improper.

Or interested individuals may attend the public hearing to voice comments or concerns. Comments shall be kept to 5 minutes unless additional time is authorized by the Chair.

If interested parties have questions regarding the draft document, those should be addressed prior to the public hearing. Please contact the Planning & Development Department by Telephone: 780-778-8400 or through the above email.

A copy of Bylaw 630/25 Draft Land Use Bylaw may be viewed during regular business hours at the Woodlands County Municipal Offices in Whitecourt at #1 Woodlands Lane or Woodlands County Regional Office in Fort Assiniboine, on Hwy 33 or is available for review on Woodlands County website www.woodlands.ab.ca under Home > Services > Planning & Development > Land Use Bylaw Update.



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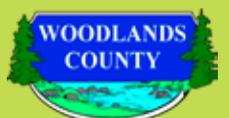
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Chamber Night Market



Hundreds of visitors attended.

The Whitecourt & District Chamber of Commerce has had great success with its Fresh Community Market held every Saturday near Walmart through the summer. So much success, that the Chamber decided to hold a Night Market event in downtown Whitecourt, inviting their regular Fresh Community Market vendors, and a whole lot more, to join them for an evening of fun. Both 50th Street and 51st Avenue were jam-packed with different vendors, including numerous food trucks, and hundreds of attendees. Though the wind brought in a fall-like chill to the evening, it did not dampen the mood of shoppers, as droves took in the festivities. One of the funniest and chilliest parts of the market was the Chamber's dunk tank. Several community members joined the fun, including realtor Lynden Kuehn, who was dunked at least a dozen times, if not more. He encouraged people to dunk him because he said it was warmer in the tank than up on the chair. Hah!



Two cold thumbs up for Lynden.



This youngster had fun at the Brook's Creek mini putt booth.



And Lynden's back in the water, again.



Chamber President Terriann Masse and director Patricia MacNeil manned the cotton candy machine.

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What's the Difference?

There are four differences between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?

A



B



Answers: 1. Light bar has different end light
2. Missing badge on uniform 3. Barn in background 4. Trees are shorter

CANADA



HISTORY

1976

CANADA HOSTS ITS FIRST OLYMPIC GAMES WHEN THE 1976 SUMMER OLYMPICS OPEN AT OLYMPIC STADIUM IN MONTREAL.

New Word

TRAFFIC

vehicles moving on a road or public highway



DRIVERS CAN EXPERIENCE STRESS AND ANGER FROM SPENDING TIME STUCK IN TRAFFIC. IT IS KNOWN AS THIS.

ANSWER: ROAD RAGE

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Congestion

SPANISH: Congestión

ITALIAN: Ingorgo

FRENCH: Encombrement

GERMAN: Verkehrschaos

Did you know?

FOLLOWING THE RULES OF THE ROAD AND DRIVING PATIENTLY CAN PREVENT CONDITIONS THAT LEAD TO ACCIDENTS AND TRAFFIC CONGESTION.



GET THE PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: TRAFFIC CONE



PUZZLES

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SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

Fun By The Numbers

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

Here's How It Works:

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

CROSSWORDS

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50. Mark Wahlberg comedy

51. Coniferous tree

52. Midway between south and southeast

CLUES DOWN

1. Lunatic
2. Actress Danes
3. Buttock muscles
4. The 22nd letter of the Greek alphabet

5. Popular 70s rockers

6. Electronic communication

8. Trigraph

9. Sea eagles

11. Low-pitched, resonant sound

14. Northeastern US university (abbr.)

15. Home of the Bulldogs

18. Exclamation of surprise

19. Make a mistake

20. Advantage

22. Monkeys love them

23. Wood

24. Paddle

27. Past participle of be

28. Tall, rounded vase

29. Device manufacturers

31. Financial institution (abbr.)

32. Paper product

33. A type

34. Atomic #43

35. Red Hot Chili Peppers' drummer

36. Behaviors

37. Decays

38. Walked confidently

39. Voice (Italian)

40. Class of adhesives

44. Bar bill

47. One-time aerospace firm

HOROSCOPE

ARIES

(March 21 - April 20)



You may have a renewed sense of energy and motivation right now, Aries. Capitalize on that to tackle a laundry list of projects that have been sitting on the back burner.

TAURUS

(April 21 - May 21)



Taurus, your sense of humor and quirky personality could get you a few extra chuckles from friends this week, but try not to take it too far. Factor in time for serious pursuits.

GEMINI

(May 22 - June 21)



Gemini, when focusing on your health this week, remember that stress reduction is an important component of getting healthy. Aim for activities that focus on relaxation.

CANCER

(June 22 - July 22)



Everyone's heads are seemingly in the clouds right now, Cancer. It may feel like you are the only person with your feet on the ground ready to get down to business.

LEO

(July 23 - August 23)



Leo, people have been gravitating in your direction for some time seeking advice. You can open up conversations to other topics that are important to you with such a captive audience.

VIRGO

(August 24 - September 22)



Strong emotions could be drummed up this week and may cause you to be distracted more so than usual. Try to get a break so you can make some time sort things out.

LIBRA

(September 23 - October 23)



Libra, being honest with yourself is important as you confront a notable challenge. Accept a self-assessment and devise a plan to make the most of this opportunity.

SCORPIO

(October 24 - November 22)



You have to develop a strategy before making your next move, Scorpio. Whether it is a business proposal or something with a friend or family member, don't be too hasty.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)



Sagittarius, you may notice that people are very sensitive to what you are saying, so you may have to change your approach if you want your message to be well-received.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)



Something could be brewing but you can't identify what it is just yet, Capricorn. This could lead you to feeling restless and out of sorts. Give it some time and it will work out.

AQUARIUS

(January 21 - February 18)



Others' words are meaningful to you right now, Aquarius. Consider these opinions and spend time figuring out how to incorporate this advice.

PISCES

(February 19 - March 20)



Pisces, often it can be challenging to take the high road But that's just what you have to do right now. Others will recognize your willingness to set a good example.

Crossword Clues

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Microgram
- 4. After B
- 7. Everything
- 8. An unfortunate development
- 10. Coat with sticky substance
- 12. Cylinder of tobacco for smoking
- 13. Minimum interval take off
- 14. Yuck!
- 16. NBA sensation Jeremy
- 17. Where some rockers work
- 19. Midway between northeast and east
- 20. Snake-like fishes
- 21. Groups of homes
- 25. Swiss river

- 26. Useful towel
- 27. "The Wire" character "Moreland"
- 29. Oafish creature
- 30. A major division of geological time
- 31. Bird-like Chinese dinosaur
- 32. Sporting events
- 39. Body part
- 41. Clerical vestment
- 42. Shows data
- 43. Some are "special"
- 44. Expression of disappointment
- 45. Students' rights document (abbr.)
- 46. Vacation locale Costa
- 48. Pop singer
- 49. Distract outside a city

FROZEN DESSERT WORD SEARCH

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Premier Danielle Smith attends MLA Martin Long's 6th Annual Golf Tournament in Whitecourt

By Haylee Winger

Premier Danielle Smith participated in MLA Martin Long's 6th Annual Golf Tournament at the Whitecourt Golf & Country Club on Friday, August 15. The event, organized by the United Conservative Party (UCP) West Yellowhead Constituency, featured an 18-hole Texas Scramble format, with registration including a golf cart and meals. The day commenced with a 10:00 a.m. tee-off and concluded with a dinner at 4:00 p.m. Tickets were priced at \$245 for individual golfers and \$980 for a team of four, with a generous tax receipt issued for 75% of the registration fee.

During the event,

Premier Smith engaged with local families and community members, addressing a range of topics pertinent to Albertans. She responded to questions regarding Ottawa's electric vehicle (EV) mandate, emphasizing the need for policies that align with Alberta's economic and environmental realities. The Premier also discussed the importance of strengthening property rights, advocating for measures that protect landowners and enhance property value. Additionally, she highlighted strategies for expanding Alberta's oil and gas sector, focusing on sustainable growth and job creation.

MLA Martin Long, who represents the

West Yellowhead constituency, has been a strong advocate for community engagement and development. Prior to his election, Long worked for nine years as an operator at the Alberta Newsprint Pulp and Paper Mill in Whitecourt and has extensive experience in the oil and gas industry. He was sworn in as Minister of Infrastructure in February 2025.

The 6th Annual Golf Tournament served as a platform for local residents to interact with provincial leaders and discuss issues that affect their communities. The event also supports local initiatives, with proceeds contributing to various community projects and programs.

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Martin Long photo



Premier Danielle Smith attended MLA Martin Long's 6th Annual Golf Tournament at the Whitecourt Golf & Country Club on Friday, August 16, where she met with local families and community members.



Lots of parking

The construction at the new community centre by Festival Park is coming along nicely, as is the parking lot between it and the Seniors Circle. One thing the new build offers is a substantially large parking area for park users, library or town office visitors, downtown shoppers and those using the Seniors Circle. This view, taken from the Seniors Circle, shows the vast parking area with more still to be added, as both parking lots are connected.

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NOTICE OF DECISION

The following decisions were made by the Municipal Planning Commission:

Application No. 25-077 – Discretionary Use Application for Equipment Sales, Rental and Repair, Heavy at 3321 37 Avenue – Approved with conditions.

Application No. 25-079 – Discretionary Use – Home Occupation, Family Day Home, at 3551 55 Avenue – Approved with conditions.

Application No. 25-081 – Variance Request to Reduce Front Yard Setback for a Detached Garage at 2 Feero Drive – Approved with conditions.

Date of Decision: August 14, 2025

Appeal Closes at 4:00pm: September 4, 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.

NOTICE OF DECISION

The following decision was made by the Development Authority:

Application No. 25-086 – Administrative Variance Application for 1.8m Front Yard Fence at 5407 46 Street – Refused with Reason(s).

Date of Decision: August 14, 2025

Appeal Closes at 4:00pm: September 4, 2025

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ELECTION WORKERS NEEDED

The Town of Whitecourt needs Deputy Returning Officers to assist at the 2025 Municipal Election. Previous municipal election experience is preferred. Successful candidates MUST attend the training to be held on October 7 from 10am – Noon; and must be prepared to participate in the Advance Votes (October 14 and October 18) and on Election Day (October 20).

Application forms are available on the Town website at www.whitecourt.ca/2025Election

If you would like to be a part of the municipal election team, please submit your resume to:

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Applications must be received before **12 Noon, Friday, September 19.**

Whitecourt Town Council update

The Town of Whitecourt is preparing for the 2026 budget, and has scheduled the following:

- The 2026 Budget Public Input Session for Monday, Sep-

tember 22, 2025 at 4:00pm; and,
 • A Special Meeting of Council for Wednesday, October 1, 2025 at 4:00pm.

Council has awarded the contract for the Blue

Ridge Road Culvert Replacement Project to Unsurpassable Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$574,455 plus GST.

The Rotary Club of Whitecourt will be hosting a Peace Pole

Unveiling Ceremony on September 21, 2025 at 1pm in Festival Park.

National Coaches Appreciation Week is September 15 to 21, 2025. Community members are encour-

aged to submit nominations for local coaches as part of the recognition event.

Council has recognized September 15 to 21, 2025 as Rail Safety Week.

Whitecourt Town Council has approved temporary street clo-

sures in downtown Whitecourt to accommodate the Whitecourt & District Chamber of Commerce Trunk or Treat event on October 25, 2025.

The October 20, 2025 Policies and Priorities Committee has been cancelled.

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Woodlands County recent meeting updates

Council gave 1st reading to Land Use Bylaw 630/25 and directed Administration to schedule a public hearing for September 9, 2025 at 5:15 p.m. in the Fort Assiniboine Council Chambers and September 10, 2025 at 5:15 p.m. at the Woodlands County Whitecourt Administration Office Council Chambers.

Council also passed Bylaw 629/25 being the Fees and Charges Bylaw effective Jan-

uary 1, 2026. Further information will be provided regarding the highlighted changes and will be posted on the website and Facebook.

The CAO is required to provide Council with quarterly Policy update reports. Administration is working hard to have policies updated and adopted, in this report you will find the updated policies. Council received the report for information.

Council adopted four

(4) new policies. A Financial Investment Policy, Strategic Financial Oversight Policy, Funding Political Forums Policy and Administration of Projects Policy. These policies are on the County's website for review.

Council received the Carlson Drive Drainage Improvement Project for information and directed Administration to conduct a public engagement session for said project. The results from this pub-

lic engagement session will be brought back to council for further discussion. The Public Engagement session is being held on August 28, 2025 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Goose Lake Community Hall.

Woodlands County entrance signs will be considered in the 2026 Budget.

Council approved the request from the Town of Whitecourt Library Board to extend the funding agreement for one year with a funding

cost of \$71,766.18 to be included in the 2026 budget.

Council canceled the special council meeting scheduled for August 20, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. and rescheduled the Governance & Priorities Committee Meeting from August 20, 2025 to August 27, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

Upcoming scheduled meetings:

- Regular Council – Wednesday, September 10, 5:00 pm
- Regular Council –

Wednesday, September 24, 9:30 am

- Regular Council – Wednesday, October 8, 5:00 pm
- Governance and Priorities Committee – Wednesday, August 27, 5:00 pm

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



Whitecourt Fire Department photo

The Whitecourt Fire Department has received a generous donation from Pembina Pipeline Corporation, including a pop-up tent, electric cooler, and fan to enhance the department's rehabilitation and accountability operations. The new equipment will provide a designated space to track and support firefighters on scene, while also helping crews recover with much-needed rest, hydration, and cooling during demanding calls and training exercises. Fire officials say contributions like this strengthen their ability to maintain a safe and structured response environment. They add that community partnerships play a vital role in ensuring first responders are well-equipped to serve and protect Whitecourt safely and effectively.

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Whitecourt and Mayerthorpe Legions are presenting a **Joint Legion Golf Tournament**, 23 of August at the Mayerthorpe Golf Course. Cost is **\$60.00** per golfer. Shotgun start at 10 a.m. No Legion membership required.

For more information and to sign-up, contact **Steve** at **swilsona@telus.net** or Doris at **williams_d60@hotmail.com**.



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In addition to providing excellent customer service to our guests, the responsibilities include:

- Processing payment from guests
- Preparation of morning and evening reports
- Reconcile daily / monthly receipts.
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 - Oversee maintenance of buildings and sites
 - Cleaning of all washrooms and communal areas
 - Sweeping and mopping floors
 - Moving of furniture during routine cleaning
 - Ensuring playground is maintained
 - Mowing grass and weed trimming
 - Shoveling snow
- Lifting 30-50lbs during maintenance of grounds
- Understand and carry out the security requirements.
- Work with fellow staff members as a team to ensure all guests receive the proper care and attention.
- Working with the broader team to develop promotions for the property.
- Understand the basic workings and operations of the RV Park
- Be punctual, professional, and knowledgeable regarding all functions and available services of the RV Park
- Understand security requirements to look after guests and property
- Any other duties as required

QUALIFICATIONS

- Experience in the customer service industry
- Strong mathematical skills for processing cash, credit or debit transactions
- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Good physical fitness
- Ability to work independently
- Manual dexterity and mechanical aptitude
- Good problem-solving skills
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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

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.
- 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
- Education:** Completion of secondary school preferred
- Language:** English
- Terms of Employment:** Permanent, full-time (44 hours/week)
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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.

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Eagle River Casino & Travel Plaza

Executive Chef NOC 62200

Responsibilities:

- Plan and direct food preparation and cooking activities of several restaurants in an establishment, restaurant chains, hospitals or other establishments with food services
- Consult with clients regarding weddings, banquets and specialty functions
- 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.
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One of Canada's beloved traditions gallops into Whitecourt

By Haylee Winger

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) Musical Ride, one of Canada's most cherished national spectacles, is headed to Whitecourt and Mayerthorpe later

this month. According to Alberta RCMP, the Musical Ride, a troop of up to 32 mounted officers and their horses performing intricate formations set to music, will tour 20 communities across Alberta

this summer, including stops in Whitecourt and Mayerthorpe.

Locally, the performance schedule is as follows: on Friday, August 29, the Whitecourt Agricultural Society Rodeo Grounds

will host a preshow at 6:00 p.m., followed by the main performance at 7:00 p.m. The show then moves to the Mayerthorpe Agricultural Society Grounds on Saturday, August 30, with a preshow at 2:00 p.m. and the performance beginning at 3:00 p.m.

As part of the RCMP's broader 2025 Canadian tour, the Musical Ride will visit Alberta, Quebec, and the Northwest Territories. The unit performs in approximately 50 communities annually, with the national tour rotating provinces every four years to ensure broad access to this Canadian tradition.

Community involve-

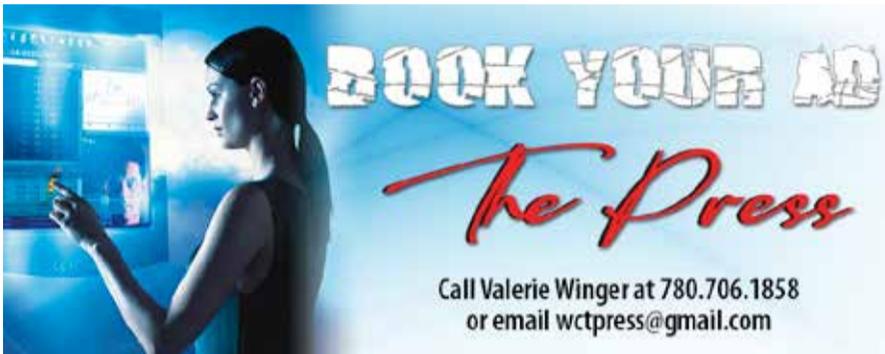
ment is a key feature of the tour. RCMP Indigenous Policing Services and recruitment teams will be present at many events to engage with residents and provide information. The Musical Ride is also known for its charitable impact—raising funds for local charities and non-profit organizations in the communities it visits.

Tickets for the Whitecourt and Mayerthorpe shows are affordably priced. Admission is \$5 for individuals aged seven and up. Children aged six and under, as well as seniors aged 65 and older, are admitted free. Tickets are available at the gate prior to the event and may also

be purchased in advance at the Woodlands County Office in Whitecourt and the Town of Mayerthorpe Office.

The RCMP Musical Ride is more than a performance; it is a display of heritage, discipline, and national pride. It brings together the elegance of mounted drill with the values of community service and tradition. Residents of Whitecourt, Mayerthorpe, and surrounding areas are encouraged to attend and experience one of the country's most enduring ceremonial events.

For more information and the full 2025 tour schedule, visit the official RCMP website at www.rcmp.ca.



EMS-811 shared response line receives 50,000 calls Alberta Health Services

More than 50,000 non-emergency calls requesting an ambulance have been received through the EMS-811 Shared Response Line since being established two years ago, as registered nurses help to ensure appropriate levels of care are offered to Albertans.

This provincewide service follows internationally accepted guidelines to assess the seriousness of every call for an ambulance. If a call does not meet the criteria to dispatch an ambulance, the caller is connected to a registered nurse at Health Link 811, helping avoid unnecessary ambulance responses and/or visits to an emergency department.

"This telephone service bridges the wonderful work of EMS and Health Link 811 together to ensure we are utilizing Alberta's health resources appropriately," says Kimberley Simmonds, CEO of Primary Care Alberta. "Calling for an ambulance can be scary. The teams work together to

ensure the patient receives the right care in the moment - and in the future."

Among the patients who were re-directed to Health Link 811 registered nurses through this service, about one-quarter were advised to care for themselves at home and about one-third were advised to see a family physician. Many other callers were directed to community-based healthcare services and resources, including dentists, pharmacists and public health nurses.

"Many Albertans call 911 and request an ambulance because they don't know where to seek non-urgent healthcare support, advice or guidance. Transferring these 911 callers to registered nurses at Health Link 811 ensures Albertans are connected to the right care that they need," says Anne MacDonald, Interim Senior Program Officer, EMS, Alberta Health Services. "This program frees our ambulances to respond to life-threatening emergencies while ensuring

non-emergency 911 callers get the right care at the right time."

Albertans who are seeking health advice for non-urgent health concerns are advised to call Health Link 811 to speak to a registered nurse for health advice, guidance, support or referrals to the appropriate care provider, clinics and services, including primary care networks. For health emergencies such as chest pain, trouble breathing, stroke symptoms, major bleeding, or significant trauma, Albertans should call 911.

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Whitecourt Central School photo

Whitecourt Central School Grade 1 teacher Ms. Kinloch was busy preparing her classroom this week as staff returned to the building to get ready for the new school year. After spending her maternity leave with her new baby and enjoying family hikes in Jasper over the summer, Kinloch said she feels refreshed and ready to welcome her new students. Like many teachers at WCS, she has been working to create a warm and welcoming classroom environment, excited to see the hallways fill with energy again when students return for the first day of school.

A look at the local weather

P.O.P.
High
Low
Wind
24-Hr Rain / Snow



Wed., Aug 27

Sunny
10%
27°C
13°C
S 7 km/h



Thu., Aug 28

Sunny
10%
26°C
14°C
SE 9 km/h



Fri., Aug 29

Mainly sunny
10%
26°C
14°C
N 13 km/h



Sat., Aug. 30

Sunny
10%
24°C
13°C
NW 17 km/h



Sun., Aug. 31

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30%
24°C
13°C
SE 18 km/h



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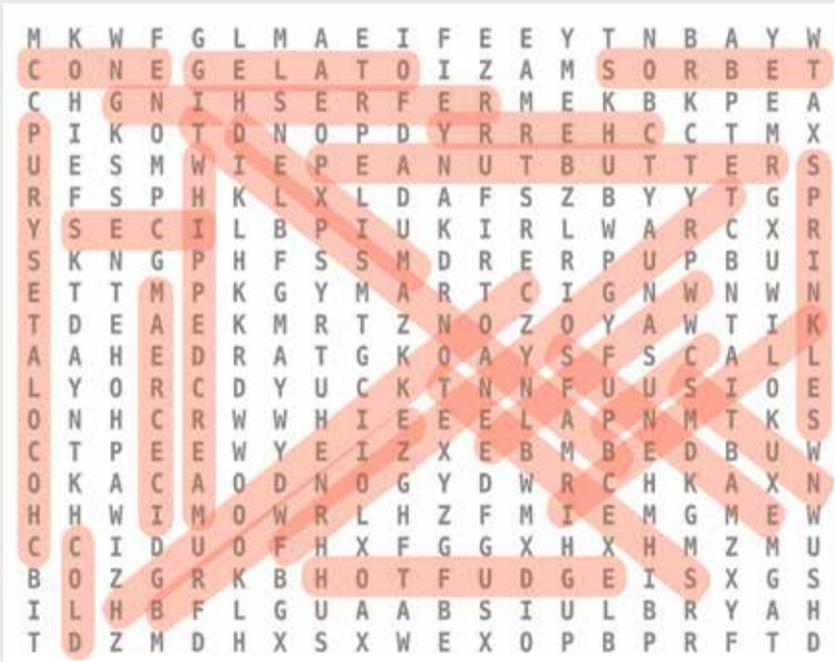
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