



Affinity  
Funeral Service

780.778.3330

Unit #1, 4105 41 Avenue  
www.affinityfuneralservice.ca

FREE TAKE ONE!



# The Press

COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

Locally Owned & Operated

Canada

Vol. 14 - Issue 33 | Wednesday, September 3, 2025

## Easy is always on hand.

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



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

\*Some conditions may apply.



## Living the dream: Nic Melnychuk's path to "Don't I Know It"



Melissa Baker Photography

From the ice rink to the stage to a recording booth in Nashville, local 22-year-old singer-songwriter Nic Melnychuk is living the dream and invites everyone to come along for the ride.

Twenty-two-year-old Nic Melnychuk grew up playing hockey at the Whitecourt rinks, a passion that led him to explore the game in other communities, including the North West Junior Hockey League as a goalie for the North

Peace Navigators and as head goalie coach for the R&R Empowering Society of Alberta's summer camp.

Hockey might've been his first passion, but coming in at a close second is music. Just as he can work his way around a hockey stick,

Melnychuk can work his way around a guitar, making it look all too easy. What used to be a more hidden passion, practicing in the basement at his parents' house, evolved into playing on stage

continued on page 5



## Patrick Carew

780-778-0053

pdcarew@telus.net

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

RE/MAX  
advantage (Whitecourt)

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



VERHAEGHE  
LAW OFFICE

780-778-6644

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

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

info@freedomlaw.ca

www.freedomlaw.ca



# Well-attended town hall event provided property crime insight to residents

By Serena Lapointe

Following a citizen's request at a Protective Services Committee meeting, the Town of Whitecourt and Whitecourt RCMP jointly held a town hall-style event at the Forest Interpretive Centre last month, with 50 people attending.

Whitecourt Detachment Commander Matt Clarke and Mayor Tom Pickard answered questions from attendees, and Chad Cronk, Crime Prevention Liaison with the Community Safety and Well-Being Branch of the Alberta RCMP, provided a presentation on Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED).

"The higher the risk of someone getting caught, the lower the chance is that they are going to commit the crime," started Cronk. "For crime to happen, there are three components: a target, a criminal and the most important one is the opportunity." He said the greatest single factor affecting opportunity is complacency. "It's when people become comfortable and assume it won't happen. They might neglect routines such as locking doors, maintaining lights, reporting suspicious activity and updating their security systems, which creates predictable vulnerabilities that offenders can exploit as criminals often seek the path of least resistance."

He said offenders love anonymity and want an easy target. He recommends residents and business owners check the sightlines on their property and look for areas such as back doors or ground-floor accessible windows that are not lit or are covered by vegetation. "They are going to hide, and it makes it easier for them to break into those areas," said Cronk. Inside stores, Cronk said, it's a similar idea. Are there blind areas where staff or a camera system can't easily see?

He recommended security mirrors as one option to help increase



**A recent town hall event by the Town of Whitecourt and the RCMP provided insight into crime trends, tools to use, and methods known to lower the risk of being targeted. Pictured are Detachment Commander Matt Clarke and Mayor Tom Pickard.**

visibility. Security cameras will act as a deterrent, but they will not be the be-all, end-all. If a criminal wants to commit an act, they will commit an act. But cameras do provide evidentiary value for the RCMP." He said seeing the person's walk, their shoes, and other factors that could help identify them is helpful.

He said cameras should be mounted high enough and that they should double-check the nighttime view before relying on it, as nearby lights could wash out the footage. Cronk also said that a system that saves footage for 30 to 60 days is best, as sometimes people don't know to look right away and by the time they do, smaller systems have recorded over the footage.

When it comes to locks, Cronk said there are plenty on the market that would-be thieves could bypass quickly. He said locks that are easily cut with bolt cutters should be avoided. He spoke that, though they are pricier, locks where the mechanism is covered or better protected should be used. "When you pick the wrong kind, you might as well have just left the door wide open."

Deadbolts should be at least one inch long and recommended two inches. "Also, never use the half-inch screws

that come with it. Use at least a one-inch screw, or more, so it goes into the door frame."

For businesses, Cronk recommended metal doors, especially for the back, with metal guards to prevent prying. Those with front windows could get a security film which helps keep the window from easily shattering. "So many businesses have had vehicles driven through their front windows to get to an ATM inside. That can be thwarted by having a bollard in front of the door area. That's why you see more malls having them," said Cronk.

Tools include the Alberta RCMP app, which features a crime map. Cronk said reporting incidents online and not calling the RCMP

doesn't help, and gave another community as an example. "All over Facebook and media channels, they were reporting crime, but none was being reported to the RCMP, so the sense within the community was that the community was being rampaged by property crime, which they very well could have been, but if the RCMP don't know about it, then it wasn't mapped." He said mapping helps the RCMP use its resources where needed most.

One handy tool is 310-RCMP, which lets residents reach the closest RCMP detachment anywhere in Alberta. Another is the CAPTURE Program, which is a voluntary self-registration for surveillance cameras, so the RCMP know who

to ask for permission to see footage should something happen in the area. There's also RAVE Mobile Safety, an app that RCMP officers are mandated to fan out real-time alerts to community members in Alberta.

Several questions focused on the number of police officers in Whitecourt and the hours they work. Mayor Tom Pickard explained that most municipalities in Alberta don't have 24/7 policing and utilize on-call members for small windows of time. "We have fourteen members. That's paid for 70 percent by the Town and 30 percent by the Federal Government. They set that number.

For us to have twenty-four-hour coverage would mean six more

full-time members that wouldn't be (financially) supported by the feds. That would translate into a nine percent tax increase for every citizen," he explained.

He also clarified that the normal response time is 15 to 20 minutes, whether staff are in or on call. "There's often a misconception that if an alarm goes off, the RCMP are automatically notified, and that's not the case. The RCMP do not get notified every time an alarm goes off.

You have to have a system where there is a responder that takes the call and then confirms it with the RCMP," said Mayor Pickard.

He added that the movements of every police officer are tracked and that call/incident data determines how resources are used, encouraging residents to report issues so that data is correct. "These are crimes against our people and our property, and we're trying to align the scarce resources that we have."

He added that there's a level of frustration, too. "We also know, because the officers have tracking devices, that they can drive by a business and within thirty seconds that business gets hit. These thugs hide in the bushes, waiting for the cop car to go by. This is a problem everywhere in the province." Many attendees thanked RCMP officers for their hard work and acknowledged that it will take everyone working together to combat crime.



**Chad Cronk detailing property crime risks with a home.**

# Whitecourt teen A.J. Iverson publishes debut novel at fifteen

By Haylee Winger

At just 15 years old, Whitecourt author A.J. Iverson has already achieved what many writers only dream of—publishing her first novel. Titled *Hellbent*, the book is a gritty, emotionally driven fantasy that explores the afterlife, revenge, and redemption through the eyes of a troubled main character.

Iverson was born in Lloydminster, Saskatchewan, and spent most of her childhood in a small town near Cold Lake, Alberta. Her family moved to Whitecourt in the summer of 2024. Growing up in the countryside and surrounded by a family active in sports, hunting, and recreation, Iverson found her own outlet in storytelling. By the age of seven or eight, she was already writing short stories just for fun—planting the early seeds of what would become a true passion.

“Originally, I hated reading,” she admits. “But after I started the *Wings of Fire* series in Grade 4, I haven’t put a book down since.”

That early change in perspective sparked something lasting. Over the years, Iverson developed a passion for storytelling. A key influence, she says, was her grandmother—a librarian who filled her shelves with books and listened patiently to her early poems and short stories. “She

always supported me, and I dedicated my novel to her,” Iverson says. “My teachers at Ardmore School were also amazing. Whether it was poetry or stories, they always provided me with opportunities to enter contests and use my skills on real world applications.”

*Hellbent* follows Allistor, a troubled criminal who dies and finds himself in Hell. In this brutal new world, he sees a chance to finally take control—by becoming its ruler and taking revenge on those who wronged him in life. Along the way, he encounters a band of pirates who help him on his quest. But Allistor’s plan is thrown into chaos when he meets Rose, a girl whose presence forces him to question everything he thought he wanted.

“I take a lot of inspiration from music,” Iverson explains. “When I hear a good song, I imagine scenes playing out like a movie in my head. One song really got me thinking about the afterlife, and that became the spark for *Hellbent*.”

She describes the version of Hell in the novel as a mix of cultural and religious stereotypes, blended with her own interpretations to create a unique world. The title, *Hellbent*, reflects the main character’s relentless pursuit of his goals—regardless of the consequences. “He’s completely set on

getting what he sees as justice,” she says. “But that determination is tested when he’s forced to care about someone else.”

Iverson began writing the novel when she was 14 and published it on August 7, just one year later. But the process wasn’t easy. “Editing and formatting were the hardest parts. I had no idea what I was doing, and I’m not the most patient person,” she laughs. “I had to redo things so many times, but my dad helped with editing and my mom handled a lot of the formatting and publishing. I couldn’t have done it without them.”

Her sisters also played a major role. “They hyped me up the whole time and constantly told me how incredible they thought I was,” she says. “They kept me going.”

The support didn’t stop there. After the book was released, family members from all over reached out with praise and encouragement. “Some of them I hadn’t seen in years called me to talk about my novel. That really boosted my confidence.”

Iverson stores her ideas in a mix of Google Docs and notebooks gifted to her by her Oma. Whether it’s short stories, poetry, or fragments of future books, she’s always writing. “Even now, I can scroll through my

old documents and find things I wrote when I was seven or eight.”

So, what’s next? Iverson is already considering a sequel to *Hellbent*, with a new plot focused on Allistor’s regret and a fresh goal he becomes obsessed with. She’s also toying with the idea of creating a poetry or short story collection.

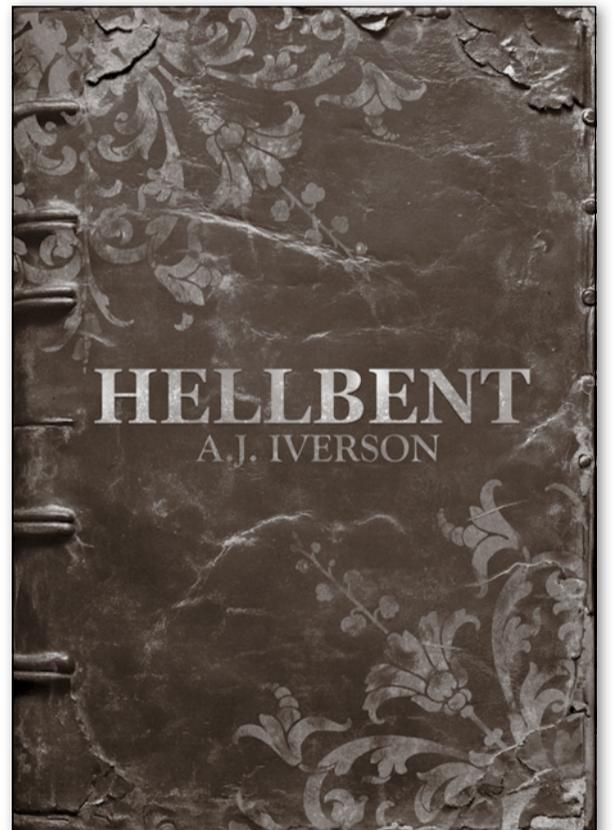
While she’s still figuring out what career path she wants to follow, one thing is certain—writing will always be part of her life. “Although I’ve been struggling to pinpoint the career path I want to follow, I don’t think I’ll ever completely stop writing,” she says. “What I love most would probably be the freedom to create any world or situation imaginable. When writing, I could be anyone or anything. I could write about something I relate to or something I know nothing about at all. It’s very freeing.”

To other young writers, Iverson offers this advice: “Just write. It doesn’t have to be good right away. You don’t need a perfect plan. Sometimes, the most incredible work is unexpected.”

Iverson is planning a book signing event at Lather Lagoon in Whitecourt this September, with the exact date to be announced. Readers can stay up to date by following her on Facebook and Instagram at @a.j.iverson.



**A.J. Iverson, 15, is the Whitecourt author behind *Hellbent*, her debut fantasy novel set in a dark and imaginative version of the afterlife.**



***Hellbent*, the debut novel by Whitecourt teen A.J. Iverson explores revenge, redemption, and the afterlife through a dark fantasy lens. The book was published in August 2025.**

## Alberta RCMP gives tips to curb mail theft and encourages Albertans to subscribe to RAVE

Your Alberta RCMP is giving tips to help prevent mail theft and is encouraging Albertans to subscribe to RAVE.

In order to curb mail theft, consider the following tips:

- Install a locking mailbox. A locked mailbox can help perturb thieves from taking your mail.
- Collect mail promptly. Don’t let mail accumulate in your mailbox. Pick

it up as soon as possible after delivery.

- Consider a package delivery box. These boxes provide a secure place for packages, reducing the risk of theft from your doorstep.
- Or sign for deliveries. If expecting a package, choose a shipping option that requires a signature.
- Secure your mailbox. Ensure your mailbox is securely attached to your

property and not easily accessible to thieves.

- Advise neighbours. Let your neighbours know when you’re going away. Have a trusted neighbour collect your mail or have your mail delivery suspended for that period.
- Shred mail. Shred any mail that contains personal or financial details.

Along with giving tips to help prevent

mail theft, this August your Alberta RCMP is reminding community members of the benefits of RAVE Mobile Safety, the mass notification system that allows the Alberta RCMP to fanout real-time information.

Information given from RAVE includes ongoing crimes, traffic advisories, and missing people, as well as information on current crime trends and preventative measures community members can take to

protect themselves and their property. Invitations to community presentations are also provided through the platform. You can sign up for RAVE notifications for any RCMP jurisdiction here: <https://www.getrave.ca/smart911/ref/login.action?pa=Crime-WatchAdvisoryAB>

If you see something suspicious, report it to your local police service. If you see a crime in progress, call 911.

If you wish to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at [www.P3Tips.com](http://www.P3Tips.com) or by using the “P3 Tips” app available through the Apple App or Google Play Store.

For more information on RAVE and preventing mail theft, please follow us on Facebook @RCMPinAlberta, X @RCMPAlberta, and on YouTube @RCMP-GRC Alberta.



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

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

**We will help you with:**

- Personalized Ceremonies
- Pre-arranged Funeral Plans
- Clergy / Church and Halls
- Obituary Notices
- Reception Catering / Flowers
- Monument Tributes
- Grief Support
- Assistance with CPP Applications

Wheelchair Accessible 

**CONSUMER CHOICE AWARD 2024 NORTHERN ALBERTA**

14 YEARS

**Park Memorial Ltd.**  
Funeral Home & Crematorium  
www.parkmemorial.com



Moe T MT Actions Photography photo

A jetboat cruises the Athabasca River during the Whitecourt Riverboat Association 2025 Poker Rally on Saturday, August 22. Participants enjoyed a beautiful day on the water, thanks to the event's organizers, sponsors, and volunteers.

**LOCAL JURISDICTION: ELECTION DAY:**

**SEEKING ELECTION WORKERS**

Woodlands County is currently seeking individuals to work at various voting stations for the 2025 general municipal election. Duties include greeting voters at their assigned voting stations, asking questions of voters, assisting with the voting process, completing required forms, and counting ballots.

**Qualifications:**

- 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:**

- are not a candidate, spouse of a candidate, immediate relative of a candidate, or connected to a campaign;
- have worked a previous federal, provincial or municipal election;
- and who have access to a vehicle and valid driver's license.

**Please apply in-person or by email to: [tracy.mindus@woodlands.ab.ca](mailto:tracy.mindus@woodlands.ab.ca)**

Whitecourt Office, Fort Assiniboine, Woodlands County  
Municipal Office, Regional office  
#1 Woodlands Lane, Highway 33, RE: Elections 2025  
Whitecourt, AB, Fort Assiniboine, AB

**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](mailto: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](http://www.woodlands.ab.ca) under Home >Services>Planning & Development>Land Use Bylaw Update.



**DAVE KUSCH**  
Councillor for Assiniboine Division 1  
dave.kusch@woodlands.ab.ca  
Phone: 780-779-5327



**JOHN BURROWS**  
Councillor for Whitecourt West Division 2  
john.burrows@woodlands.ab.ca  
Phone: 780-706-4747



**ALAN DEANE**  
Councillor for Whitecourt Central Division 3  
alan.deane@woodlands.ab.ca  
Phone: 780-779-0694



**JEREMY WILHELM**  
Councillor for Whitecourt East Division 4  
jeremy.wilhelm@woodlands.ab.ca  
Phone: 780-779-6594



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



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



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



Page sponsored by



For all open career opportunities, please check out our website at [albertanewsprint.com](http://albertanewsprint.com) → Careers.



Hockey and music, where it all started.

## Richard "Rick" Frederick Erdmann

May 28, 1961 – August 28, 2025

After a long struggle with Parkinson's Disease, the family of Richard Erdmann announce his passing on August 28, 2025, in Mayerthorpe, Alberta, at the age of 64. It is so difficult to face this season of grief for one so young and vibrant throughout his life, but the family is comforted in knowing the storms of this disease are behind Rick and he is once again free to soar. Rick maintained a strong sense of humor throughout his struggle and the family will live out of his spirit and passion for life and love.



Louie Nagy (Laverne), Gerry Erdmann (Jennifer) and Bob Erdmann (Stacey). He will also be remembered by Ramona Erdmann, the mother of Rick's daughter and greatest passion, Terri Erdmann. Terri was truly the love of Rick's life.

Rick was predeceased by his parents, Fred and Terezia Erdmann.

Rick's family would like to thank the staff at the Whitecourt Hospital and the Mayerthorpe Extended Care. They are so grateful for all the care and kindness he received.

In honor of the battle both Rick and his mom faced with cancer, the family would ask that in lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Rick's name to Cross Cancer Institute, 11560 University Ave, Edmonton, AB T6G 1Z2.

There will be no formal service, but the family asks all who knew and loved him to share in the biggest tribute to Rick by celebrating the legacy and spirit of Rick's life in yours.

Rick had such a passion not only for flying helicopters, but for instructing others in the craft as well. He was more than an instructor, his passion for flying and teaching enabled him to be a mentor to each of his students. On August 28, Rick made his final flight and "slipped the surly bonds of earth to touch the face of God."

Left to cherish the moments that are now memories of Rick's life are his three brothers,

continued from page 1

at Party in the Park. As his confidence grew, so did his passion, thanks to a supportive family cheering him on, encouraging him to keep trying, keep learning, and keep strumming the guitar.

On August 20, Melnychuk had a dream come true when he released his first single, "Don't I Know It." The tune is co-written with Alberta country singer-songwriter Aaron Goodvin, who has two number-one hits and a Songwriter of the Year award from the 2018 CCMA's for his song Lonely Drum.

Goodvin and his wife started a company, For The Record, where they help independent artists and songwriters create their next single. Since starting, the duo has

created ten singles for artists, including Brandon Lorenzo, who's single with Goodvin, Drinkin' Song on a Country Record, released on March 21, has nearly 400,000 streams on Spotify.

"They help artists write one song that helps them get noticed. I messaged their Instagram account, and Aaron messaged me back. I told him I really wanted to do it. From there, it was just about getting the money and making sure I could do it. I was saving up for it," explained Melnychuk.

Things took an unexpected detour when he travelled to Kelowna and got a flat tire, which set him back. The next part of the story, however, felt like kismet. "Then, my mom got me tickets for the CCMA's in

Edmonton last year, as a Christmas present. I ended up buying 50/50 tickets, and I won. So, I immediately bought Nashville tickets and the opportunity with Aaron. He was telling people in Nashville about what happened (with the 50/50). It was awesome."

One of the first steps in the process was an email from Melnychuk to Goodvin, detailing his life.

"We wrote around that. We did it through ZOOM, and we wrote back and forth. One of the first things he said to me was, don't I know it, and that line immediately stuck," explained Melnychuk.

As the duo wrote together over six hour-long sessions, Melnychuk's world opened to the possibilities of

continued on page 6



Nic and his mom, Stacy.

Condolences may be sent to [www.affinityfuneralservice.ca](http://www.affinityfuneralservice.ca).  
Funeral Arrangements in the care of Dwayne Henley at:



Affinity  
Funeral Service

780.778.3330  
#1 4105 41st Avenue,  
Whitecourt, Alberta

continued from page 5

writing his music. “It was amazing to see what a professional can do when he writes because he was writing really fast. I would throw things in, and he would work them into the song. It was surreal to see what he could do. I’ve actually started using what I learned from him, and I’ve written four songs now. It’s really opened my eyes to the writing process and to the writing world.”

One part in the song that Melnychuk remembered creating was in the chorus. “When it says, just count to three, that was something that stuck with me. I said it and he said yes, and threw it in.” The song is a very personal tune

for Melnychuk, touching on some of the hardships he’s faced, including his adoption. “It’s about knowing just how fast life can turn on you and how lucky I am that it hasn’t. Because of the people who’ve shown up for me, believed in me, and stuck around—I’ve got a good life. But don’t I know it... that can change in an instant,” said Melnychuk on his Instagram account last week (@nicmelnychukmusic), as he celebrated over 1,000 streams.

After heading down to Nashville with his family to record the song at Farmland Studios, joining Goodvin and producer Eric Torres, Melnychuk said listening to the final cut was out of this world.

“I couldn’t believe it. I was like a kid in a candy store. I had an out-of-body experience.”

Upon returning home, Melnychuk reached out to XM105 to do an interview, to which they happily obliged. “I sent them my song and a little bit about myself. After I did the interview, he said he was going to play my song, and I was shocked. I didn’t know they were going to do that.”

In a parking lot, on August 13, Melnychuk, his sister, his mom and his grandma waited for the song to come on the radio. “We were in the No Frills parking lot because my mom had to get something from the store, and we saw my grandma coming

out of Anytime Fitness, and we called her over. I actually took a video of it, and it was surreal. It was so cool to hear my song on the radio.”

Then, one week later, on August 20, “Don’t I Know It” was released across all streaming platforms, available to the world. “We stayed up until midnight to listen to it, and then we went through the platforms to see my song on all of them. It was so amazing,” smiled Melnychuk. “I never thought I would be able to write a song.”

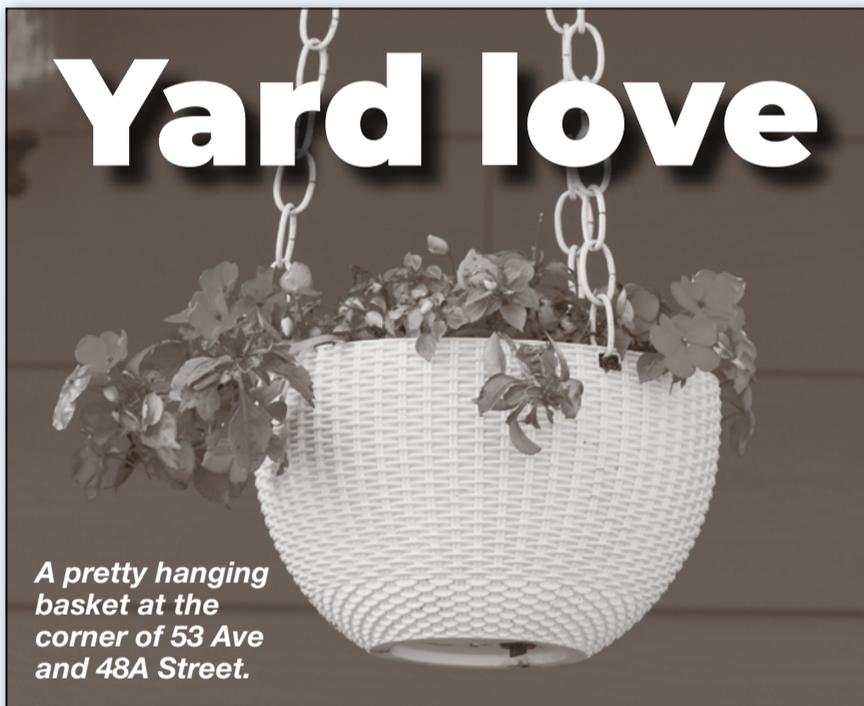
That admission brought out a smile on his mom’s face. Stacy Crossland is her son’s biggest fan and has helped push him out of his comfort

zone the whole way. “Last summer, when I saw the post about Aaron’s company, I shared it with Nic, because he’d been talking about writing a song for three or so years. I told him to spend a couple of weeks coming up with ideas, but his ideas were what he thought would be popular, not from him. He was stuck inside a box, not knowing how or what to write. Now, after seeing Aaron’s process, there’s been a 180-degree shift in his life. He’s writing songs now. He wouldn’t have ever done that had he not worked with Aaron,” she explained.

Melnychuk gave credit where it was due. “I wouldn’t be here if it weren’t for how hard she’s pushed

me, for either hockey or music. I owe her everything. I’m here today because of her.” In fact, just a couple of hours before Melnychuk’s interview with The Press, he had shown his mom a song he wrote about her, and the impact she’s had in his life.

Melnychuk said his hopes for the future include completing his degree in Sports Management at the University of Alberta, where he is already a student, and releasing more music. Readers can help support Melnychuk by downloading and streaming his song, “Don’t I Know It,” requesting it on local radio stations to help him reach more listeners and following him on social media.



# Yard love

A pretty hanging basket at the corner of 53 Ave and 48A Street.

The Love Your Yard campaign is back for another year. Members of Communities in Bloom have been busy, driving around the community, planting signs on front yards that homeowners have put a little extra love into. Here are a few of this year's selections.



A pretty pathway on Harolds Hollow.



An inviting driveway on Park Circle.



Wildflowers galore in this front yard on Whitecourt Ave.



An overturned wheelbarrow on Feero Drive.



Butterfly paradise on Feero Drive

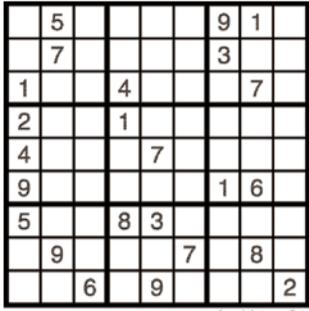


A beautifully curated yard on Stephen's Cres.

SEE SOLUTIONS PAGE 15

# SUDOKU

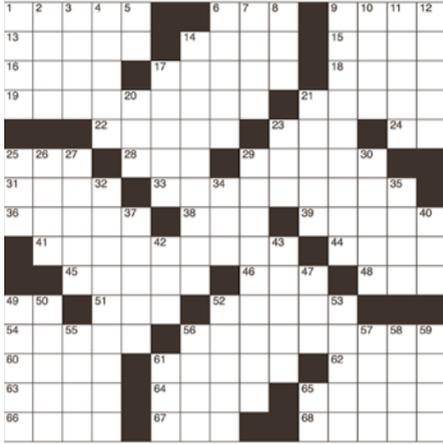
# CROSSWORDS



Fun By The Numbers

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

Level: Intermediate



### Here's How It Works:

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

## Crossword Clues

### CLUES ACROSS

1. Fairly large
6. Barrels per day (abbr.)
9. Cover the entirety of
13. Leafy appetizer
14. Showy ornament
15. Norse personification of old age
16. Athletes
17. Closes tightly
18. Attack via hurling items
19. Where the reserves stand
21. Sword
22. Begat
23. Damage another's reputation
24. Northeast
25. Turf
28. For each
29. Hours (Spanish)
31. Western state
33. One who offers help
36. Flanks
38. A woolen cap of Scottish origin
39. Free from drink or drugs
41. Tunnels
44. Mature
45. More dried-up
46. News organization
48. Steal something
49. Forms one's public persona (abbr.)
51. Female fish eggs

### CLUES DOWN

1. Vipera
2. Ancient city in Syria
3. Slog
4. Emits coherent radiation
5. "Pollock" actor Harris
6. Bleated
7. Monetary units of Afghanistan
8. Tooth doctor
9. One who takes apart
10. Commoner
11. Beat poet Ginsberg
12. Cave deposit material
14. Home energy backup
17. Begets
20. Face part
21. Frocks
23. Hill or rocky peak

25. Giving the impression of dishonesty
26. About ear
27. Male parents
29. Popular grilled food
30. Vaccine developer
32. Not conforming
34. Polite address for women
35. 1970 U.S. environmental law
37. Astronomical period of 18 years
40. One who fights the government
42. Center for Excellence in Education
43. Watches discreetly
47. An electrically charged atom
49. Hymn
50. Arabic given name
52. Popular pie nut
53. City in Zambia
55. Species of cherry
56. John \_\_, British writer
57. Be next to
58. Make angry
59. Give birth to a lamb or kid
61. Unhappy

## ON THE TRAIL WORD SEARCH

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

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

### WORDS

- |             |                |            |
|-------------|----------------|------------|
| ALTITUDE    | ELEVATION      | REST       |
| SICKNESS    | FILTER         | SCRAMBLING |
| BACKPACKING | GAITERS        | SECTION    |
| BASE CAMP   | HEADLAMP       | SWITCHBACK |
| BLAZE       | HIKE           | TENT       |
| CAIRN       | LEAVE NO TRACE | TRAILHEAD  |
| DAYPACK     | LOOP           | TRAIL MIX  |
|             | POLES          | TREKKING   |
|             | REGISTER       | WILDLIFE   |

*The Press*

"Be where your customers are looking - online!"

**GET FOUND ONLINE!**

New Local Business Directory  
[www.whitecourtpress.com](http://www.whitecourtpress.com)

- Reach hundreds of local customers every month
- Professional business listing with your contact info
- Organized by category - easy for customers to find you
- FREE business profile feature in our print newspaper

**Your listing includes:**

- Business name & description
- Phone, address & hours
- Services you offer
- Link to your business
- One-time business profile in print edition

**JUST \$30/MONTH**

OR SAVE WITH ANNUAL PAYMENT: **\$300/YEAR**

CALL THE REDWATER REVIEW TODAY!  
**780-706-1858** or  
 Email [wctpress@telus.net](mailto:wctpress@telus.net)

For all your advertising needs,  
**CONTACT HAYLEE**  
 at [thepresswct@gmail.com](mailto:thepresswct@gmail.com)

## PUBLIC NOTICE

www.whitecourt.ca | facebook.com/TownofWhitecourt | 780-778-2273



## TAKE PART! GIVE BACK!

### Opportunity for Public Participation

Every fall, the Town of Whitecourt recruits citizens to fill volunteer positions on various boards and committees that provide Town Council with perspective and recommendations regarding important civic issues. Whitecourt is a diverse, growing town, and citizens are in the best position to provide input on our changing community needs. Get involved! It's your town. Share your knowledge and meet new colleagues.

#### Communities in Bloom Committee

***"To work collectively to foster civic pride, environmental responsibility, and beautification in Whitecourt."***

Interested community members are welcome to apply throughout the year to be a part of this hands-on committee. For more information, or to apply to this committee, please contact Kelly Sadoway at [kellysadoway@whitecourt.ca](mailto:kellysadoway@whitecourt.ca).

#### Community Services Advisory Board

***"To create a healthy, strong community by meeting the leisure and social needs of the community."***

(2) Members – terms to expire in October 2028

Applications will be accepted from residents of Whitecourt or the Woodlands County agreement area.

#### Economic Development Committee

***"To set up and establish an economic development program to further the interests of the Town of Whitecourt in the areas of economic development and tourism."***

(1) Member – term to expire in October 2027

(1) Member – term to expire in October 2028

#### Health Professionals Attraction & Retention Committee

***"To develop and support a sustainable and collaborative system for health professionals' attraction and retention that will support ongoing health care services to the community and provide a welcoming environment for health care providers and their families."***

(1) Member – term to expire in October 2028

#### Municipal Planning Commission

***"To deal with land use planning matters with particular emphasis on the Land Use Bylaw."***

(2) Members – terms to expire in October 2028

#### Town of Whitecourt Library Board

***"To work towards maintaining the vibrancy of our library and meeting the social needs of community members through the creation of policies and planning."***

(1) Member – term to expire in October 2026

(2) Members – term to expire in October 2028

Applications will be accepted from residents of Whitecourt or the Woodlands County agreement area.

If being on a Council Committee interests you, please complete an application form which can be found on the Whitecourt website at [www.whitecourt.ca/your-town/mayor-council/public-participation](http://www.whitecourt.ca/your-town/mayor-council/public-participation) or picked up at the Town Office. Applications must be received before 12:00 noon, Monday, October 20, 2025 to:

Whitecourt Town Administration Office  
Attention: Executive Assistant  
5004 - 52 Avenue, Box 509  
WHITECOURT, AB T7S 1N6  
email: [administration@whitecourt.ca](mailto:administration@whitecourt.ca)

You can also scan  
the QR code for  
a direct link to the  
application form:



Applications are also being accepted for the:

#### Youth Advisory Committee

***"To work collectively to ensure the needs of Whitecourt's youth are met."***

(10) Members – term to expire September 2026

Youth between the ages of 13 and 18 years old (as of December 31, 2025) from Percy Baxter Middle School, Hilltop High School, École St. Joseph School, and the community at large are eligible to apply. New applicants are required to complete a Youth Advisory Committee Application Form and submit two signed reference forms. Students currently on the committee only need to complete the application form. Applications for the Youth Advisory Committee must be submitted to [administration@whitecourt.ca](mailto:administration@whitecourt.ca) before noon on Thursday, October 9.

Applications for all committees will be presented to Town Council at the October 27, 2025 Regular Meeting.

### Questions?

Contact our Administration Department at 780.778.2273 or email [administration@whitecourt.ca](mailto:administration@whitecourt.ca).

**\*\*If you want to find out more about our Council Committees, visit the Whitecourt table at the Whitecourt Connect event at the Allan & Jean Millar Centre on Wednesday, September 10 from 6:00-8:00pm.\*\***

## 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/yourtown/Election](http://www.whitecourt.ca/yourtown/Election)

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

TOWN OF WHITECOURT  
5004 – 52 Avenue, Box 509  
WHITECOURT, AB T7S 1N6  
Email: [election@whitecourt.ca](mailto:election@whitecourt.ca)

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

# PUBLIC NOTICE

www.whitecourt.ca | facebook.com/TownofWhitecourt | 780-778-2273



## NOTICE OF DECISION

The following decisions were made by the Municipal Planning Commission:

Application No. 25-092 – Discretionary Use Application for Equipment Sales, Rental and Repair, Heavy at 5809 53 Avenue – Approved with conditions.

Application No. 25-090 –Discretionary Use – Home Occupation, Family Day Home, at 68 Feero Drive – Approved with conditions.

**Date of Decision:** August 28, 2025

**Appeal Closes at 4:00pm:** September 18, 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

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.

## Whitecourt Launches 2026 Budget Consultation

Let us know where you would like to see your tax dollars invested for the 2026 budget.

Town Council encourages you to share your thoughts on projects and plans at the 2026 Budget Public Input Session. The session is scheduled during the Regular Meeting of Council at 4:00 p.m.

Monday, September 22 at 4:00 p.m.  
Forest Interpretive Centre – Council Chambers  
3002 – 33 Street, Whitecourt

Community members that are unable to attend the Public Input session are encouraged to submit written comments. Complete the online form on our website, call the Office, or submit an email to the following address by 12:00 noon on Wednesday, September 17:

Town of Whitecourt  
Box 509, 5004 52 Avenue  
Whitecourt AB T7S 1N6  
780-778-2273 ext. 227  
administration@whitecourt.ca

All comments received regarding the 2026 Budget will be considered by Council during budget deliberations.

### FORM 3

### NOTICE OF NOMINATION DAY Local Authorities Election Act (Section 26)

LOCAL JURISDICTION: TOWN OF WHITECOURT, PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

Notice is hereby given that Nomination Day is **September 22, 2025**, and that nominations for the election of candidates for the following offices will be received at the Whitecourt Town Office within the period beginning on January 1, 2025 and ending at 12:00 noon on Nomination Day.

Office(s)	Number of Vacancies
Mayor	1
Councillor	6

Location of Whitecourt Town Office:  
5004 52 Avenue  
WHITECOURT, Alberta

DATED at the Town of Whitecourt, in the Province of Alberta, this 25 day of August, 2025.

Marlene Kellier-Pinchbeck  
Returning Officer

Library Hours:  
 Mon-Fri 10am-8pm  
 Sat 12pm-4pm  
 Sun Closed

# SEPTEMBER 2025



## EVENT CALENDER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
7	8 Adult Book Club 2:00-3:00	9	10 Story Time 10:30-11:30	11 <b>CLOSED</b> for staff training	12	13	
14	15	16 Afterschool Program 3:30-5:00	17 Afterschool Program 3:30-5:00	18 Afterschool Program 3:30-5:00	19 Soapstone Carving 5:30-7:30	20 Family Movie: Moana 2 1:00	
21	22 Tween & Teen Night 6:00-7:30	23 Afterschool Program 3:30-5:00	24 Story Time 10:30-11:30 Afterschool Program 3:30-5:00	25 Afterschool Program 3:30-5:00	26 Crib Night 6:00-7:30	27 Family Movie: ET 1:00	
28	29 French Homework Help 4:00-5:00	30 Afterschool Program 3:30-5:00	<b>All Afterschool Programs: Free, Drop-In at the Library, Designed for all school ages.</b>			<b>Back To School Scavenger Hunt</b> 	

NOTE: For more Library information check our Facebook page, or call (780) 778-2900

# Paying the cost: Obstacles facing Alberta businesses heading into the fall

By Rob Roach  
 ATB ECONOMICS

Costs remain top of mind for Alberta businesses, according to a recent survey.

Conducted from July 2 to August 6, 2025, the latest results from the Canadian Survey on Business Conditions indicate that half of the Alberta respondents think inflation will be an obstacle for their business or organization over the next three months with a fifth identifying it as the most challenging obstacle. Combining the cost-related obstacles\* together, about two-thirds of Alberta respondents say costs will be an obstacle over the next three months (it was 70% the previous quarter) with a third citing a cost-related issue as the most challenging obstacle

they are facing. The concern over inflation and the cost of doing business may, at first glance, seem odd given that the headline inflation rate in Alberta has averaged just 2% (year-over-year) since January.

It makes more sense when you consider that the inflation rate we hear about refers to a basket of specific consumer goods and services rather than the things for which businesses tend to pay such as machinery, chemicals and packaging materials. One measure of the latter is the Industrial Product Price Index which has increased by an average of 3.3% (year-over-year) since January.

And, as is the case with consumer inflation, past spikes in

operating costs (the monthly Industrial Product Price Index grew by an average of 13.4% in 2021 and 2022) mean that today's prices are much higher than a few years ago even though the rate of increase has slowed.

How much of the concern regarding costs is related to tariffs is hard to determine, but the survey did find that 4 in 10 Alberta businesses say the U.S. tariffs are having a negative impact on them and the same number say the Canadian tariffs are having a negative impact.

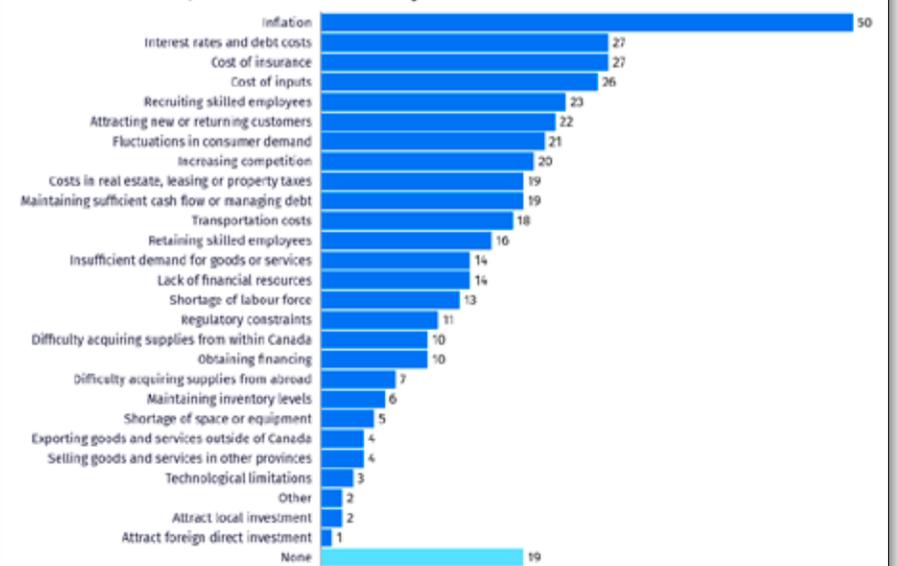
Also interesting is the share of businesses worried about labour availability with about a third of Alberta respondents citing this an obstacle over the coming three months.

Recruiting/retaining skilled employees was cited by 9% of Alberta respondents as their most challenging obstacle. If we add in the "shortage of labour force" obstacle, this rises to 13%. This

suggests that finding workers with the right skills, in the right place and willing to take the job on offer, remains an issue despite the upward trajectory of unemployment in Alberta and the country

as a whole. \*Cost-related obstacles consist of inflation; cost of inputs; interest rates and debt costs; cost of insurance; cost of real estate, leasing or property taxes; and transportation costs.

Obstacles expected by the business or organization over the next three months, % of Alberta respondents



The results in this chart are based on the survey that was in collection from July 2 to August 6, 2025. Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Survey on Business Conditions, third quarter of 2025 (Table 33-10-1019-01) and ATB Economics

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

The Press  
 www.whitecourtpress.com

Call Valerie Winger at 780.706.1858 or email wctpress@gmail.com

# This page is sponsored by:

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



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



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

Millar Western Forest Products Ltd.  
a resourceful company



## Soaring Eagle Support Society

Offering support services for marginalized individuals

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

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



## Recover Out Loud

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

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



WHITECOURT  
**CANCER & WELLNESS SOCIETY**

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

This can include help with parking costs for hospital visits, living expenses and unforeseen medical expenses.

Applications can be made through the Drs at both Whitecourt Medical Clinics or (office hours, can leave a message): **Kim Nendsa** (President of Whitecourt Cancer & Wellness Society) **780-778-0932** **Aimee Grierson** **780-262-0222** <https://wctcancerwellness.com/>

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**.



Support group on Tuesdays 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm, September 16 – December 2, Crossroads Community Church, 4719 44 Avenue Mayerthorpe, Pre-registration is required

**CALL Ruth 780-674-7182**



"Serving the community for over 30 years"  
The Food Bank relies on donations of cash or food in order to help families in need.  
Open Mon, Wed & Fri 11:00am to 2:00 pm  
Phone: 780-778-2341

**Located within the Carlan Services Community Centre**

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

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

## LORNE'S BLANKET

*is transitional housing for men.*

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

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



24/7 CRISIS LINE  
780.778.6209  
1.800.467.4049



WELLSPRING  
FAMILY RESOURCE  
& CRISIS CENTRE



@whitecourt\_shelter

### Shelter:

Wellspring Provides a Safe, Short Term, Supportive Residential Environment for Women With or Without Children, Fleeing Family Violence & Experiencing Crisis.

### Outreach Support Program:

Ongoing Support, Advocacy, Follow-Up & Support Groups for Women, Men and Youth in Whitecourt and Surrounding Communities.

### Child Support Program:

Child Care & After School Programs - Age Appropriate Programs & Support for Children Who Have Been Affected By Family Violence

### Preventative Education:

Provides Workshops, Information and Awareness to Schools, Community Organizations, Agencies and Businesses



Family Resource & Crisis Centre

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

## Whitecourt Alcoholics Anonymous Group



Meetings are three times each week

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

Located at the United Church Basement on Legion Street (formerly 5201 - 50 Street)

Please Leave a Message for Our AA member or Contact Addictions Helpline @1(866)332-2322

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

If you are experiencing suicidal thoughts, you need to know that you're not alone. You can also call if you are not in crisis, seeking additional information. The new Canada Suicide Prevention Service (CSPS), by Crisis Services Canada, enables callers anywhere in

Canada to access crisis support by phone, in French or English: toll-free 1-833-456-4566 Available 24/7

Crisis Text Line (Powered by Kids Help Phone) Canada Wide free, 24/7 texting service is accessible immediately to youth anywhere

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

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

## Putting a face on suicide



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

## SPONSORED BY



**Tri-Logging is against bullying**

**Tri-Logging Ltd.**

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



**FLINT™**

A Division of ClearStream

**780-778-5000**

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

## Your Community Awaits

Where Friendship, Health & Joy Come Together

Tired of feeling isolated? Ready to rediscover the joy of genuine connections, better health, and engaging activities designed just for you?

 **Find Your Person**  
Friendship matching & safe dating platform for meaningful connections

 **Stay Active & Healthy**  
Fitness programs, health tracking & wellness tips tailored for seniors

 **Share & Discover**  
Recipe exchanges, community events & photo sharing with new friends

 **Daily Inspiration**  
Challenges, tips, Canadian history moments & wisdom sharing

## JOIN FREE TODAY!

No credit card required • Cancel anytime • 100% Canadian

### PUZZLE PARADISE - NO ADS, PURE FUN!

Play Your Favorites - COMPLETELY FREE: Solitaire • Scrabble • Daily Crossword • Sudoku • Word Search • Checkers  
Want Even More Brain Games? UPGRADE TO PREMIUM PUZZLE SUITE: Bridge • Crib • Cryptogram • Dominos • Mahjong • Chess

✦ ZERO ADS • ZERO INTERRUPTIONS • UNLIMITED PLAY ✦

From casual word games to strategic classics - your brain deserves the best!  
Perfect for: Daily brain training, relaxing game sessions, challenging your mind

Ready to Join Canada's Fastest Growing Seniors Community?  
[SeniorsPortal.ca](http://SeniorsPortal.ca)

- ✓ Safe, secure platform built for Canadians 45+
- ✓ Easy-to-use interface designed with you in mind

## SPRUCE GROVE'S NEWEST ADULT LIVING

Just off Yellowhead on Jennifer Hiel # 42 11 Dalton Link



Condo fees \$195/month **Price 588,900** Edmonton MLS E4453302

3 Bedroom 1358 Sq ft modern living with 2 bath on the main and developed basement with another bath and bedroom. Double car heated garage. Next to tim Horton's and close to Tri-Leisure Centre. Rumpus Room. Available August 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Murray Zelinski, Maxwell Realty 780-719-9422**  
**Leo Zelinski, owner/realtor REMAX Advantage 780-778-1207**

**LOCAL NEWS PRINTED ON LOCAL NEWSPRINT**



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

www.whitecourt.ca | facebook.com/TownofWhitecourt | 780-778-2273

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

Job#: 25-048, Payroll Clerk III, Permanent, Full Time Position

Please visit www.whitecourt.ca for all employment opportunities and details on how to apply.



A beautifully restored blue Chevrolet pickup, complete with chrome details and vintage styling, was one of many vehicles on display at the Whitecourt Ralcomm Annual Car Show. The popular community event drew crowds to the Ralcomm parking lot, where classic cars, hot rods, and trucks were showcased alongside family activities such as face painting, games, and food vendors. With sunny skies and a lively atmosphere, the show not only celebrated automotive passion but also raised funds in support of the Whitecourt Cancer & Wellness Group, making every burger flipped and every smile painted part of a bigger cause.



Edson Custom Cruisers photo



Living Waters Catholic Schools

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC TRUSTEE?

There are two vacant Trustee positions for the Whitecourt Ward.

The deadline for nominations is September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 at noon. Please note that nominations must be submitted in person to Returning Officer, Bryan Turner, at the Board Office in Whitecourt (4204 Kepler St.)

Nomination packages are available at the Living Waters Board Office or online at the Living Waters website.

FORM 3

Notice of Nomination Day

Local Authorities Election Act (Section 26)

LOCAL JURISDICTION: Living Waters Catholic School Division, PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

Notice is hereby given that Nomination Day is September 22, 2025 and that nominations for the election of candidates for the following offices will be received at the location of the local jurisdiction office set out below within the period beginning on January 1, 2025 and ending at 12:00 noon on Nomination Day.

Table with 3 columns: Office(s), Number of Vacancies, Ward or Electoral Division Number (If Applicable). Row 1: Separate School Trustee, 2, 3.

Location (Address) of Local Jurisdiction Office: 4204 Kepler Street, Whitecourt, AB

DATED at the Town of Whitecourt, in the Province of Alberta, this 25 day of August, 2025.

Signature of Returning Officer

MSD0752 Rev. 2025-01

Money Matters: One Canadian Dollar = 0.72 US Dollar at an exchange rate of 0.7277 (using nominal rate). Dollar Values as of September 3, 2025

HELP WANTED: Tim Hortons in Whitecourt is looking to fill the following positions: Food Service Attendant, Food Service Supervisor. SHIFT INCENTIVE FOR OVERNIGHTS. Please apply in person at the restaurant.

BOOK YOUR AD NOW: The Press 24/7/365. Call Valerie Winger at 780.706.1858 or email wctpress@gmail.com

# RCMP Musical Ride



Many people took the chance to say hello after the show.



Two young fans, mesmerized by the horses.



The best moustache in the show.



Turning together.



Flags out and marching forward.



Bidding farewell.



Someone's having fun!

The 2025 RCMP Musical Ride made a stop in Whitecourt on Friday night, thrilling the jam-packed grandstands in front of the Whitecourt Woodlands Rodeo Grounds. The impeccably trained team, wearing their stunning red surge, wowed attendees as they performed intricate moves, including the wagon wheel, where three different circles of horses turned at the same time and multiple passes where a line of horses would seamlessly flow through another line. They also performed a charge near the end, which got a few of the horses really excited as they darted forward. Following the show, event goers met the horses up close at the fence line, giving each a little pet and saying hello to the smiling officer in the saddle. This year is the 20th anniversary of the Mayerthorpe tragedy, where four RCMP officers lost their lives: Cst. Anthony Gordon, Cst. Lionide "Leo" Johnston, Cst. Brock Myrol and Cst. Peter Schiemann. Following the ride in Whitecourt on Friday night, the tour moved down the highway to Mayerthorpe for a Saturday show. May their memory and legacy never be forgotten.

## WOMBANIA™

by PETER MARINACCI



### A look at the local weather

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

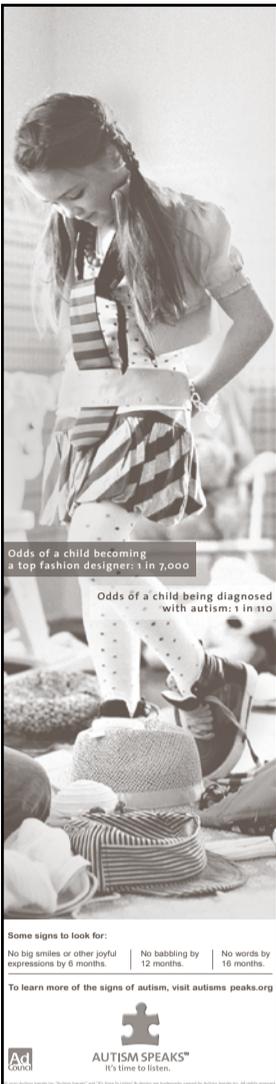
Wed., Sept. 3	Thu., Sept. 4	Fri., Sept. 5	Sat., Sept. 6	Sun., Sept. 7
Mainly sunny	Sunny	Mainly sunny	Sunny	Mainly sunny
10%	10%	20%	10%	30%
28°C	25°C	26°C	24°C	20°C
11°C	11°C	13°C	12°C	11°C
E 7 km/h	S 5 km/h	W 3 km/h	SE 17 km/h	NW 13 km/h
-	-	-	-	-



# Blanket Classified Ads

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

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



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

Odds of a child being diagnosed with autism: 1 in 50

Some signs to look for:

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

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

**Autism Speaks**  
It's time to listen.

### Buildings For Sale

INTEGRITY POST FRAME BUILDINGS since 2008 BUILT WITH CONCRETE POSTS. Barns, Shops, Riding Arenas, Machine Sheds and more, sales@integrity-built.com 1-866-974-7678 www.integritybuilt.com.

### Custom Homes

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

### For Rent

PROMOTE YOUR MESSAGE THROUGHOUT

Alberta. The Blanket Classifieds or Value Ads connect with more than 500,000 readers in the province each week. Choose from three packages beginning at \$269, \$299 or \$599 to share your message in over 70 Weekly Community Newspapers. Contact THIS NEWSPAPER today or email classifieds@awna.com for more information. Call 1-800-282-6903 or 780-434-8746 or visit www.awna.com.

### Services

CRIMINAL RECORD? Why suffer employment/licensing loss? Travel/business opportunities? Be embarrassed? Think: Criminal Pardon. US entry waiver. Record purge. File destruction. Free consultation.

1-800-347-2540. www.accesslegalmj.com.

PRIVATE MORTGAGE LENDER. All real estate types considered. No credit checks done. Deal direct with lender and get quick approval. Toll free 1-866-405-1228; www.firstand-secondmortgages.ca.

### Wanted

SENIORS SPECIAL! 10% MORE ON ALL CASH PAYOUTS. SILVER Coins, Canadian Coins, GOLD coins, chains, rings...We buy them ALL! Silver flatware, tea sets, all things silver, Canadian Mint sets. We come to the privacy of your home, no fees! Call Joy or Ted 1-825-966-4373.

**NEED HELP?**  
**CALL ANYTIME! (24-7)**

- Mental Health Helpline 1-877-303-2642
- Addiction Helpline 1-866-332-2322 • Health Link 811

## Canadian Prairie Pickers

### Seniors' Special

10% more on all cash payouts.

Are you downsizing? Let us help!

We buy Royal Canadian Mint sets, Franklin Mint sets, all mint sets. Gold, chains, rings, coins, unused gold jewelry

Never any fees to pay. No obligation to sell.

Let us come to visit you in the comfort and privacy of your home  
Your satisfaction is #1

**Call Ted or Joy 1-825-966-4373**

Alberta's #1 Buyer

## GOLD

Unused or unwanted Chains, Rings, Bangles, Coins

**SENIORS' SPECIAL**  
10% more in September

## SILVER

Coins, Royal Canadian Mint sets  
Canadian 1968 and older 10, 25, 50 & silver dollars  
US 1964 and earlier 10, 25, 50 & silver dollars

We come to the privacy of your home, no fees!  
Please call Joy or Ted 825-966-4373

## Canadian Prairie Pickers

**Pays Cash!**

Bonded since 1967 Doing business in Alberta since 1986

## PUZZLES SOLUTIONS

### WORD SEARCH

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

### CROSSWORDS

A	M	P	L	E	B	P	D	S	P	A	N		
S	A	L	A	D	G	A	U	D	E	L	L	I	
P	R	O	S	S	E	A	L	S	P	E	L	T	
S	I	D	E	L	I	N	E	S	S	A	B	E	R
S	I	R	E	D	T	A	R	N	E				
S	O	D	P	E	R	H	O	R	A	S			
U	T	A	H	S	A	M	A	R	I	T	A	N	
S	I	D	E	S	T	A	M	S	O	B	E	R	
C	A	T	A	C	O	M	B	S	R	I	P	E	
S	E	R	E	R	U	P	I	N	A	B			
P	R	R	O	E	P	R	I	O	N				
S	A	G	O	S	L	E	G	E	N	D	A	R	Y
A	B	E	D	S	Y	C	E	S	O	B	I	E	
L	I	A	O	A	L	A	R	A	L	L	U	L	A
M	A	N	X	D	Y	N	P	A	T	E	N		

### SUDOKU

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

### Letter to the Editor policy

The Press welcomes readers to write letters to the Editor. A maximum of 300 words is preferred but not necessary. Letters must carry a first name or two initials with surname and include an address and daytime telephone number. All letters are subject to editing. Please email letters to [wctpress@gmail.com](mailto:wctpress@gmail.com).

Alberta Weekly Newspapers Association

\$\$\$ \$\$\$  
**CASH FOR COINS**  
\$\$\$ \$\$\$

WANTED ROYAL CANADIAN MINT COINS, FRANKLIN MINT, US MINT, WORLD SETS ETC, COLLECTOR'S COINS, NUMISMATICS, OLYMPIC COINS, OLD COINS, OLD \$, GOLD COINS, SILVER COINS, BARS, INGOTS, JEWELRY, NUGGETS, STERLING SILVER & ENTIRE COIN COLLECTIONS!

Call or text **Todd**  
Numismatist/Gold & Silver Dealer  
**780-504-7995**

MAKE FREE HOUSE CALLS ALL OVER ALBERTA+

## CASH IN YOUR GOLD!

BUYING your unwanted and broken jewelry, coins, coin collections, nuggets, dust, all gold, etc. ALSO BUYING ALL SILVER, STERLING & PLATINUM!

I MAKE HOUSE CALLS ALL OVER ALBERTA & PAY YOU CASH.

CALL TODD  
**780-504-7995**

## The Press

A locally owned and family operated newspaper serving Whitecourt

**PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY**

### Contact

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

Alberta Weekly Newspapers Association

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

*The Press*  
**ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS**

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

Leanne Gould  
 Mortgage Associate

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

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

THE MORTGAGE GROUP

The Mortgage Group Alberta Ltd.  
 204 - 2010 201 Ave. NE, Calgary AB T2A 6M4

LOCAL NEWS PRINTED ON LOCAL NEWSPRINT

Alberta Newsprint Company

**Providing Traffic Control and Piloting**

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

780-865-5815

**We're there where you need us most!**

**Road Monitoring & Radar Services**

Servicing Woodlands and Yellowhead Counties



**DEBT PROBLEMS???**  
**780-424-9944**

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

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

**FREE Consultation**  
[www.DEBTFREE.ca](http://www.DEBTFREE.ca)

*The Press*

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

**BOOK YOUR AD NOW**

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

*The Press*

**RF RESCHKE FRITZ LLP**  
 PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS

MARK R. RESCHKE, CPA, CA  
 PARTNER

Tax planning  
 Corporate & Personal Tax Preparation  
 Full Accounting Services

Box 569, #101, 5011 - 51 Ave  
 Whitecourt, AB T7S 1N6

780-778-3981 [mreschke@rflp.ca](mailto:mreschke@rflp.ca)

Career Ads, affordable price, with print ad, receive free online job posting at ... [www.whitecourtpress.com](http://www.whitecourtpress.com)

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

**METRIX GROUP LLP**  
 CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS

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

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

<b>Michael Epp</b> CPA, CA, CMA Partner	<b>Terry St. Laurent</b> CPA, CGA, CA Partner	<b>Carla Hanas</b> CPA, CA Manager
---	---	--

<b>Edmonton</b> T: 780-489-9606	<b>Lloydminster</b> T: 780-875-7433	<b>Fox Creek/Whitecourt</b> T: 780-778-3091
<b>Fort Saskatchewan</b> T: 780-992-0266	<b>Evansburg</b> T: 780-727-2017	

TOLL FREE: 1-877-489-9606 [METRIXGROUP.CA](http://METRIXGROUP.CA)

*The Press*

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

**Whitecourt Veterinary Clinic 4439 - 52 Ave**

*...where pets are family...*

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

*The Press*

**Get The Press App at iTunes AppStore and Google play**

Available on the App Store

GET IT ON Google play

**Home hardware building centre**

**Garden Sheds • Custom or Pre-built • Delivery Available**  
**780-778-4404**

**Help is close to home®**

**LOCAL BUSINESS** *The Press*

Call Now To Book This Space **780-706-1858**