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The Family Violence Initiative booth at Summer Street Fest asked people to share what made them feel safe, creating a collage with the answers.

Changes to provincial funding leave Whitecourt's Family Violence Initiative in limbo

By Serena Lapointe

Until recently, the Whitecourt Family Violence Initiative, a stakeholder's group in the community, received funding from the Government of Alberta, under the Chil-

dren and Family Services Ministry. Dollars supported various initiatives, including primary prevention activities, intervention and supports. The program is unique to the community, and funding

has been in place for twenty years, starting in 2005. The group even received the Minister's Award for Municipal and Public Library Excellence, in

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Fall Crawl draws crowds, boosts local shops in seasonal shopping surge

By Serena Lapointe

On Thursday last week, shoppers had fun taking part in the third annual Fall Crawl. This year, the participating businesses threw in some added excitement, creating a scavenger hunt for attendees to follow along with as

they visited the different locations. The event grew for 2025 with fifteen businesses taking part: Beaver Creek General Store, Aesthetics Clinique Skin & Laser Clinic, Just Peachy Arts & Crafts, Polished Beauty, Hadley, Asher & Elliot's Candy Em-

porium, Caine's Jewellers, Fabutan & Hush Lash Studio, The Shop Boutique and Coffee, Hydro Haven, Sagitawah Brewing Company, Under One Umbrella, Lather Lagoon & the Book Nook,

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Gracie, 4, and her brother Fynn, 7, were happy to help their mom behind the till at White Wall Wood.



The third annual Fall Crawl event took place on Thursday evening. Shoppers got to taste test foods, learn about services, snag deals, meet business owners, and take part in a scavenger hunt, all in the name of shopping local. Festive fun at the apple pancake tasting booth at Beaver Creek (pictured).



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Stan Turbiarz

Location: Redwater, Alberta • Being from the Junction of Highway 28 West of Redwater and Opal Rd (Rg Rd. 224) go 2 miles north to Township Rd 580, then 1/2 mile west. **Date:** Saturday, October 4, 2025 and Sunday, October 5, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. (both days). Watch For Signs. GST will be charged where applicable. Lunch Available.

Day 1 - Saturday Oct 4, 10:00 am:

Tractors

- JD 4430 Powershift Trans, triple hyd., dual PTO, duals, CAH, approx 9000 hrs., S/N 4430T030594R
- White 2-150 Tractor Field Boss, CAH, duals, dual hyd.

Vehicles

- 1980 Chev 60 3T Truck, V8, 5x2 sp trans, 18-ft box, hoist, roll tarp, S/N C16DBAV101426
- 1968 Ford 2T Cabover Truck c/w V8, new 16-ft box & hoist, roll tarp, new rubber, S/N C80WUC73077
- 1980 GMC 35 Aristocrat 18-ft Motorhome, awning, nice & clean, S/N 2GD5G31M1B4506909
- 1976 F150 Ford Ranger Supercab, 400 eng, auto, S/N X155KD29705
- 1980 GMC IT Dually Truck, 454 eng, 4-sp, trans c/w Steel Welding Deck S/N TCU33AV678557
- 1956 GMC 2T Truck c/w grain box & hoist; 332 V8 4sp
- 1969 Chev Cab Over Fire Truck, V8, 4sp, S/N TE639P867981
- 1952 IHC 1T Truck, 6 cyl. 4sp trans, stepside, box
- 1986 Chev Caprice
- 81-82 Chev Impalas
- 1972 Monte Carlo

NOTE: Cars not running

Trailers

- SWS 16-ft Tandem Axle Trailer c/w 7 1/2 ft x 16 ft deck c/w ramps, like new, S/N 34666
- Single Axle Trailer c/w 8-ft x 10-ft deck, NVSN
- Single Axle Trailer c/w 4-ft x 8-ft box & tarp, NVSN
- Single Axle Trailer c/w 8-ft x 12-ft tilt deck & lights, NVSN

Recreational

- 1969-72 Skidoo Snowmobiles, not running
- 2018 Polaris Ranger 4x4, Side by Side, diesel, dump box, S/N 4XARTAD13J887, 386 hrs
- Cat 650 Quad 4x4 c/w winch & front & rear racks, S/N 44F06ATV67T2, 186 hrs

Vintage Tractors

- Ferguson TEA 20 Tractor, PTO, 3-ph
- Cockshutt 30 Gas
- Cockshutt 30 Gas PTO, pulley
- IHC W6 gas, PTO, pulley
- Case DC, Pulley PTO
- Oliver Super 88 gas hyd., PTO, Pulley
- MH 33 Special Rowcrop, PTO, pulley
- Fordson Major Longhorn, pulley, PTO, 3-ph
- JD D, Electric Start, new rubber, PTO
- Case S, hyd, pulley, PTO
- MH 44 Special, Gas, PTO, pulley

- MM U, Pulley, PTO
- AC WD 45 PTO, 2-point hitch
- MH 44 c/w hyd., PTO, pulley
- 15-30 McCormick
- Cockshutt 550 Gas, Hyd, pulley
- MH 101 Junior Twin Power
- Cockshutt 40 gas, PTO, pulley
- Oliver 40 Gas Hyd, PTO, pulley
- Cockshutt 40 hyd., PTO, pulley
- Case VA, PTO, pulley
- NOTE: All the tractors have not run for many years. Always shedded

Machinery

- NH 688 Autowrap Round Baler c/w gathering wheels, 540 PTO
- NH 315 Square Baler, hyd., tension, super sweep pick-up
- NH 1033 Square Bale Wagon
- 2 Wheel Front Mount Swath Turner
- NH 144 Hay Converter
- NH 1100 12-ft SP Haybine
- Vicon 5W Hay Rake
- Allied 24-ft Bale Elevator
- NH 1033 Bale Wagon
- NH 1100 SP Haybine, parts
- MF 760 Diesel SP Combine
- Kongskilde 500 Grain Vac c/w hoses
- JD 15-ft 800 SP Swather
- Farm King 15-section Harrow Draw Bar c/w HD harrows
- Farm King 620 3-ph or Trailer Rough Cut Mower
- Farm King HD Wagon, c/w deck, hauls 14 bales
- JD 3100 6-Bottom Plow c/w coulters
- 2 Wheel Swather Mover
- 10-ft Root Rake c/w hyd. lift
- Allied 7-inch x 36-ft Auger c/w 16-hp motor
- Case 6 x 6-inch Plow c/w coulters

Miscellaneous

- JD C20 16-ft VS Cultivator
- Wooden Wheel Wagon c/w grain box
- Horse Sleigh
- Covered Wagon c/w poles, no tarp
- Bobsleigh
- Minature Horse Wagon
- Poly Feeder
- New Tombstone Feeder
- Clover Bar Saddle
- Assort Horse Tack
- Assort Feed Tubs
- New Trailer Wood Splitter
- (2) 3-ph Yard Sprayers
- Anhydrous Gophinator Tank
- Soil Saver 3-ph 8-ft Cultivator
- AC 2-ph Semi-Mount 7-ft Mower
- IHC No. 80 Pull Type Combine
- AC Roto Baler
- Ferguson 8-ft Drag Disc
- 3-ph 8-ft Cult
- New 3/4-inch Plywood
- Tidy Tank c/w EL pump
- Genie TML4000 Diesel Light Tower
- Ferguson 3-ph Dirt Mover

- FEL Bale Fork
- New & Used Front & Rear Tractor Tires, Various Sizes
- Assort Hyd. Rams
- Assort. Used Tractor Parts
- Assort Water, Air, Hyd Hoses
- New Idea Ground Drive Manure Spreader (restored)
- Admiral Stationary Wire Tie Baler
- 6 ft Brundt Press Drill
- IHC PTO Manure Spreader
- Assort Steel Gates
- Hyd. Trailer Pocket Gopher Plow
- 40-ft Pipe Frame Tandem Axle Trailer
- Assort. New Solar Panels
- Parts Washer
- Drill Presses
- Coates 1010 Tire Changer
- Solar Lights
- Solar Fencers
- Imp. Jacks
- Air Comp
- Chainsaws
- Gas Cutoff Saw
- 2 Sets S.C.B.A. Units
- Extra Bottles
- 5 Pails Gopher Force
- Air Tanks
- Assort. Heavy Elec. Cords
- Assort. Tools
- Large Assort Hand & Power Tools
- Many more items too numerous to mention

Day 2 - Sunday Oct 5, 10:00 am:

Antiques & Collectables

- Large Assort Old Tools
- Assort Bells
- Antique Musical Instruments
- Military Wheel Chair & Stretcher Combination
- Copper Washing Machine
- Assort Old Dishes & Bottles
- Fire Hose Reel Cart
- Grain Crushers
- Forges
- Anvils
- Railroad Tool Car
- Rocking Butter Churn
- Wall Clocks
- Assort. Coal & Wood Stoves
- Spinning Wheels
- Leather Vise
- Crocks
- Cream Cans
- Assort. Binder Twine
- Lamps
- Crosscut Saws
- Esso & B/A 7-ft Signs
- Cast Iron Tubs c/w legs
- Assort Phones
- Insulators
- Oil Tins & Pails
- Dough Machine
- Butter Churns

- Coal Pails
- Oil Dispenser
- Pot Belly Stoves
- CNR Stove
- Stationary Engine
- Well Pumps
- Toledo Scale
- Cream Separators
- Wool Carder
- Tobacco Cutter
- 32 Volt Jacobs Wind Charger
- MH Feed Cutter
- Assort. Antique Washing Machines
- JD 8-inch Steel Wheel Cultivator
- Potato Planter
- Large Assort. Horse Hay Mowers
- Hay Dump Rakes
- Gang Plows
- Assort. Oil Seed Drills & Cultivators
- Hay Loader
- Disc Plows
- Freznos
- Feed Cooker c/w stand
- Rod Weeders
- Keg & Gunnerman Threshing Machine
- (8) Electric Gas Pumps
- Electric Incubator
- 3-ph PTO Drive Rotary Harrow
- Saw Mandrels
- Square Bale Loader
- Silage Feed Cutter
- Meat Grinder
- Fanning Mills
- Potato Digger
- Assort. Horse Garden Cultivators
- Pump Organ
- Assort Antique Dressers c/w mirrors
- Test Plot Harvester

Yard Equipment

- New JD 48-inch Lawn Sweep
- New Patio Heaters
- Wishing Wells
- Small Tire Yard Wagon
- Sabre Riding Lawn Tractor
- Honey Bee Crates
- Plastic Fishing Totes
- Double Dog House
- Snow Blower
- Weeders
- Sears 10-36 Lawn Mower
- Wood Chipper
- Rototillers
- Assort. Lawn Ornaments
- Christmas Decorations
- Nativity Scene
- JD No.10 Yard Trailer
- Small Poly Tanks
- Yard Sprayers
- Yard & Garden Supplies
- Kennel
- Yard Furniture
- Patio Set
- Wheelbarrows
- Peacock Steel Patio Furniture
- Garden Cart
- Plus more

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the Enhancing Community Safety Category, last year, highlighting the positive impact it has had on the community.

However, during the grant renewal process that took place in June, the Town of Whitecourt was notified that municipalities were no longer eligible for the funding, bringing the program to a sudden, unexpected halt, leaving the future of the services unknown.

When the program first began in 2005, the Town of Whitecourt received less funding because it started as a prevention program only. As the stakeholders group recognized gaps in the community, the municipality sought more funding so that the program could grow and become more impactful. Over the last few years, the Town of Whitecourt has received between \$120,000 and \$130,000 for the program from the province. The current funding runs out on September 30.

Chelsea Grande, Director of Community Services, recently presented to the Policies and Priorities Committee, detailing the sudden changes to funding. "This will provide a large service gap in the community, especially for those who are currently receiving service. We have talked with our contract specialist, and it doesn't seem like the parameters are going to change on this grant funding for this round for sure," she explained.

Grande asked that the committee consider recommending to Council that the funds needed to see the program through until December 31 be provided, totalling \$32,713. She also requested that Council advocate to the Provincial Government to reconsider the change of no longer allowing municipalities to apply for the funding. "We weren't aware that this was going to happen. It's something new, and I'm not sure why they are moving it away from municipalities, and we didn't get an answer when we asked," said Grande.

Eligibility for funding now requires the primary applicant to be a legal entity, such as not-for-profit, First Nations, Metis Settlements, fiscal agents or entities existing through legislation.

Municipalities, school boards, funding agencies, individuals, and for-profit organizations are now ineligible as the primary applicant. Grande explained that when they learned they could be a partner with an eligible group, they partnered with one of their stakeholders in hopes of still accessing funding. "We partnered with McMan Youth, Family & Community Services Association, which is a part of the stakeholders group and submitted a grant in partnership with them, but were notified last week that it wasn't successful."

Whitecourt's Family Violence Initiative has a full-time liaison position that provides court process support, work-

ing with the RCMP and the Crown to help find solutions best suited for rehabilitation. The liaison also supports both the accused and the victims. "It's quite unique. It's a service that isn't provided anywhere else in our region, supporting both, and it's a highly utilized program. There were 264 RCMP domestic-related calls in 2024," explained Grande.

Funding also supported New Hope, a therapeutic program for the victim and accused, including a version for children aged 13-17. "That's very highly utilized as well," said Grande. The Family Violence Initiative also has a program for youth aged 8-17, called Roots, which helps children identify their feelings, gives them coping skills for dealing with family violence or anger issues, and helps build their self-esteem.

"It is going to be a great loss for the community," said Grande, should the programs no longer be available. When asked if they could modify the program, she explained that they could, but it would still be a loss. "We started with less funding when we just focused on prevention, and now we do the intervention piece, which is highly utilized. We could modify it if needed, but it would be great if we could have the full program in the community because then you're looking at the whole continuum. You're not only doing the prevention but the intervention too."

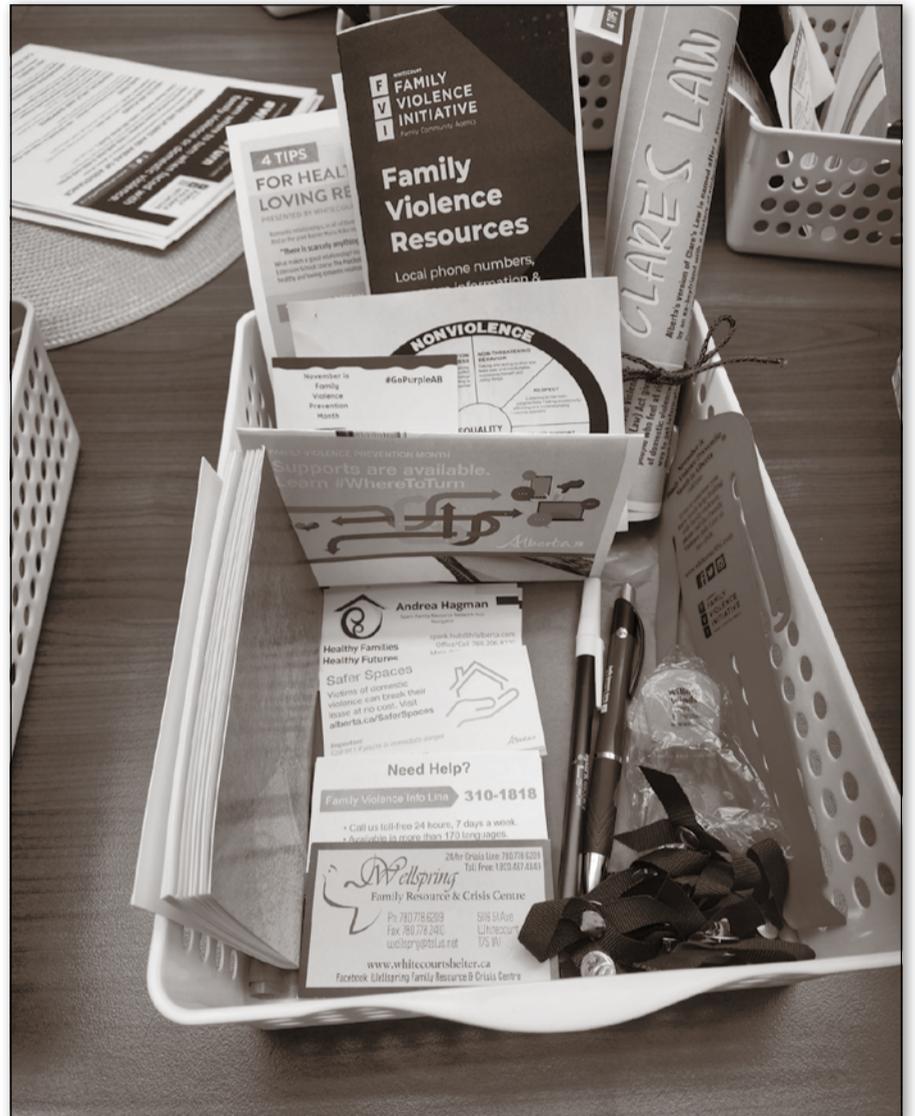
As to whether a local stakeholder would be interested in taking over the program from the Town of Whitecourt, Grande said it was possible but added that they held onto the program for so long because there wasn't interest from another group or agency in the community to take it on.

Town CAO Peter Smyl said with families in the queue waiting

on services, ending the program on September 30, when funding ends, would be very difficult, as those attending court over the next few months would be without support. He said there were dollars set aside in a reserve to back up programs. "These funds are available for times like this, and it gives us a few months to figure it out, send the letters and maybe talk to the min-

ister and get some information."

He added that "it's not like people aren't attending these (programs). It's a need, and the numbers speak for themselves." The Policies and Priorities Committee voted in favour of recommending that Town Council provide temporary funding of \$32,713 to the group to cover programming and support until December 31.



Family violence rates in Alberta keep increasing. In 2023, statistics showed that calls for help to domestic abuse shelters reached a ten-year high and that from 2022 to 2023, there was a 19 percent increase in domestic abuse cases. Rates in Whitecourt have a similar trajectory, with over 260 domestic-related calls to the RCMP last year alone. Recent funding changes from the Provincial Government have put a group trying to lower those rates in jeopardy. In November, Family Violence Month, the group sends out business kits (pictured).



A look at the local weather		Wed., Sept. 24	Thu., Sept. 25	Fri., Sept. 26	Sat., Sept. 27	Sun., Sept. 28
P.O.P.		Mainly sunny	Mainly sunny	Cloudy	Chance of shower	Cloudy
High		30%	20%	40%	40%	40%
Low		14°C	16°C	15°C	17°C	13°C
Wind		5°C	7°C	7°C	10°C	5°C
24-Hr Rain / Snow		NW 15 km/h	W 10 km/h	NW 12 km/h	SE 11 km/h	NW 18 km/h
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My family and I have recently moved here, and we're thrilled to be part of this vibrant, close-knit community. We've already felt the warm welcome from everyone, and we can't wait to connect with each of you. It's not just a store opening for us—it's a chance to build lasting relationships and be a part of Whitecourt's health and wellness journey.

We've worked hard to ensure that our Shoppers Drug Mart offers more than just your usual pharmacy experience—it's a one-stop destination designed with your needs in mind. Here's a sneak peek of what we have in store for you:

- **Beauty Department:** Our beauty department is a highlight of the store, offering a wide selection of prestige skincare, cosmetics, and fragrance brands. Whether you're searching for a new product or need expert advice, our team is here to help.
- **Front Store Promotions:** We're launching with exciting promotions and special offers, and we'll be hosting regular **PC Optimum™ redemption events** to give you even more value on your purchases. Don't forget to stop by every Thursday for Senior Discount Day—an exclusive offer to thank our senior community.
- **Pharmacy Care Clinic:** We're proud to offer a comprehensive Pharmacy Care Clinic where our pharmacists will be able to prescribe for common ailments such as **strep throat, skin conditions, asthma, urinary/bladder infections, and erectile dysfunction (ED)**. Plus, we'll be offering vaccinations and personalized **travel health consultations** to keep you and your family healthy no matter where life takes you.

Grand Opening Celebration - September 26
We're kicking off this exciting new chapter with a **Grand Opening on Friday, September 26**, and we'd love for you to join us!
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 11:00 AM
To celebrate the grand opening, we'll be handing out **lots of goodie bags** and exclusive giveaways, so be sure to stop by early and pick up a treat! It's going to be a fun day, and we want to make sure you're part of it. We're also looking forward to meeting you all in person and sharing a few smiles as we begin this new adventure together.

As your new Associate Owner, I'm committed to providing top-tier customer service and making sure our store is a place where you feel welcome, valued, and taken care of. Whether you're here for your prescriptions, beauty products, health advice, or just to say hello, I can't wait to serve you.

Thank you for making us a part of the Whitecourt community. We're excited to see you at our grand opening and look forward to being a trusted part of your health and wellness journey!

Owner, *Margo Hanna*

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Applications are being sought from individuals residing in Woodlands County to serve as members-at-large on the following boards:

- Agriculture Services Board - 1 vacancy**
- Economic Development Committee - 2 vacancies**
- Municipal Planning Commission - 2 vacancies**
- Community Services Committee - 3 vacancies, 1 youth vacancy (1-year term)**
- Subdivision and Development Appeal Board - 2 vacancies**
- Pride Valley Aggregate Oversight Steering Committee - 1 vacancy**

Positions above are held for a **two-year period** from November 1, 2025 to October 31, 2027, (unless otherwise noted).

Applications can be made online at <https://woodlands.civicweb.net/Portal/BoardApplication/> until 4:30 pm on Wednesday, October 22, 2025.

Any questions or concerns please contact julie.lalonde@woodlands.ab.ca

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Whatever Works Crystals, White Wall Wood, Tap-Cha Bubble Tea, and two uptown businesses, Booster Juice and Buckles & Blues.

Starting at 5 pm and ending at 8 pm, those taking part had to answer questions such as where something was in a store, what kind of things a store had or a specific saying or item. Once filled in, shoppers had the chance to win prizes. Participating stores also had treats and prizes set up, as well as discounts.

Nancy Chatters-Johnson, owner of Beaver Creek General Store, has been holding fall and other seasonal events in-house for years. This November, when they hold their popular Kick Off to Christmas event, they will also be celebrating the store's 30-year anniversary. Two years ago, she invited other downtown businesses to join in on the fun, creating a more elaborate event and giving shoppers more to see and do. She said it's a great way for business owners to introduce themselves to shoppers and bring people in that may not have been in before.

"With the scavenger hunt and the chance to win prizes, not only are people shopping, but they are also discovering new businesses that they may keep going back to forever," explained Chatters-Johnson.

"We're not only pulling in the downtown businesses, but we're also pulling in some from up on the hill, too. All these young entrepreneurs are excited to participate in these kinds of events and get exposure and have more people in their businesses."

She said she hopes the residents who took part were exposed to something they hadn't seen before or found something they didn't know was offered locally. "I hope they found something new that they are excited about and that they will go back and shop more. A lot of people don't go out and explore the town to see what is out there. So, I hope they got to see more of what our town has to offer."

Inside Beaver Creek, Chatters-Johnson and her staff had several dips out to sample, as well as cinnamon apple pancakes that were being fried up on the spot. "It's a Canadian company, and it's one of my favourite pancake mixes that they used to make and have now brought back! It has real dehydrated apple pieces in it." They also had a sneak peek at a fun cocktail-filled Advent Calendar that will be out closer to Christmas. "I think it's going to be a hit."

Down the road at White Wall Wood, owner Ashley Olsen had her two young chil-



Digging for shiny things at Caine's Jewellers.

dren helping her with the Fall Crawl rush. Gracie and Fynn were all smiles as they asked guests if they'd found everything they were looking for and if they wanted a receipt. Fynn even had cookies for sale, which the pair had fun telling shoppers about. They welcomed visitors into the store with a friendly hello and said bye as they moved on to the next stop on the scavenger hunt list.

Caine's Jewellers had a fundraiser set up, inviting shoppers to donate to the Community Lunchbox Society and then scoop a shovel of dirt and drop it into a sifter. Then, staff would

shake all the dirt away, leaving behind some very shiny gems. For every cubic zirconia they had in the sifter, shoppers received a ballot to enter a draw for a beautiful half-carat, Canadian-made, lab-grown diamond pendant from Love Grown.

Kandice Izzard, manager at Caine's Jewellers, said they always try to support different community groups and chose the Community Lunchbox this time around. "We are always trying to support the community because we are big believers in community supporting community."

The Lunchbox is

definitely a worthy group to support."

The idea for the treasure dig came from another great community organization. "We are piggybacking off the Rotary Club with our Dig for Treasure. Every year at Lobster Fest, they have great success with this, so we thought we would try it on a smaller scale here at the store."

People have been excited about it and are having fun," said Izzard.

She said events like the Fall Crawl invite people to check out stores and see what they have.

She said getting to introduce people to their

stainless-steel jewelry, Italgem, has been great.

"You can't go wrong with gold and diamonds, but we understand where things are economy-wise. Our Italgem line, for both men and women, is gorgeous and at a great price, and we have plenty of it," she said with a smile.

Izzard said she's grateful to Nancy Chatters-Johnson at Beaver Creek for inviting businesses to take part and for organizing the event. "She does such an excellent job. We never have to worry about it not working out. We definitely need to keep doing this and growing it."



Wellspring's Twice Is Nice donation area.

Following a few thefts from their backdoor drop-off site, staff at Wellspring's Twice Is Nice took to social media to remind the community to stick to their open hours when dropping off donations or their generosity might be vandalized or stolen. Staff are available to accept donations from Monday to Saturday, 10 am until 5 pm and request a buzz at the door to know a donation is being left. Dropping off outside of those hours has proven to be an easy target for those seeking to nab the unsupervised items. However, words to the wise, the store has a really good security camera and has recently begun posting the videos of would-be offenders.



PUZZLES

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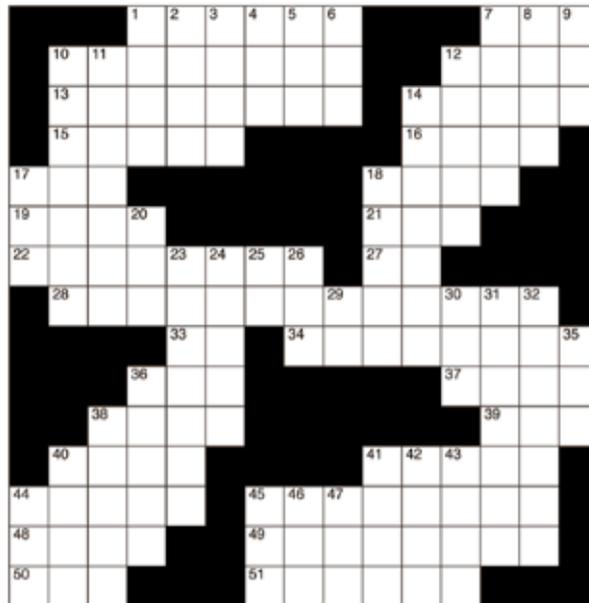
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Fun By The Numbers

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Crossword Clues

CLUES ACROSS

- Carved into
- ___ Rogers, cowboy
- Unruly locale
- Edible mushroom
- Influential noblemen
- Rattling breaths
- David ___ George, Brit. P.M.
- Musician Clapton
- Small Eurasian deer
- Invests in little enterprises
- Perimeter
- Chicago ballplayer
- Animal body part
- It's everywhere these days
- Fictional ad exec
- Mr. T character

Baracus

- Against the current
- Subway rodent
- Armor plate
- Hair on the head
- Strong insect
- Swollen lymph node
- A way to lessen
- Walter White poison
- Sleeveless garment
- Long accompanied song
- Without features
- Yankee great
- Mattingly
- Removes from record

CLUES DOWN

- Root of taro plant
- Those ones

- Appliances have one
- A way to sing
- Midway between east and southeast
- Animal dwelling
- An object that as survived from the past
- Oil cartel
- Affirmative
- Foul smell
- Brisk tempo
- S. American indigenous person
- Restored
- Official
- Skin lesions
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- Electroencephalograph
- Middle Eastern country
- Extremely angry
- Title used before a woman's name
- British thermal unit
- By the way (abbr.)
- Anger
- Nullifies
- Ones who acquire
- Time zone
- Arabic name
- Protein in mucus
- Ballpoint pen
- Mimics
- Humans have a lot of it
- Expressions of good wishes
- Cool!
- One point east of due south
- City of Angels football team (abbr.)
- A way to save for retirement

HOROSCOPE

ARIES

(March 21 - April 20)



Partnerships require extra attention this week, Aries. Focus on clear communication and mutual understanding. Compromise will lead to positive outcomes in all situations.

TAURUS

(April 21 - May 21)



This week your health and wellness comes into focus, Taurus. Consider a new exercise program or make adjustments to your diet. It's also a good time to get organized.

GEMINI

(May 22 - June 21)



Gemini, you might feel a surge of inspiration related to hobbies, artistic pursuits or even your social life. Embrace all of the creative endeavors that will come your way.

CANCER

(June 22 - July 22)



You may find yourself redecorating or enjoying quiet time in the house, Cancer. Your life right now puts a strong focus on domestic pursuits and you may spend more time at home.

LEO

(July 23 - August 23)



Leo, your mind is sharp and curious. Consider taking a class or joining a group hobby you find engaging. This week largely will be about local connections.

VIRGO

(August 24 - September 22)



Virgo, financial stability is a key theme in your life right now. Review your budget and look for practical ways to save money. You also may have to seek ways to boost your income.

LIBRA

(September 23 - October 23)



This week is a great time for self-improvement and setting new goals, Libra. Project confidence when interacting with your professional network, and pursue what matters to you.

SCORPIO

(October 24 - November 22)



You are comfortable being out of the spotlight, Scorpio. This will serve you well when you spend some time in quiet reflection this week. Look inward and assess your goals.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)



Connect with your friends or community and take part in group activities that bring you joy, Sagittarius. You might just find new inspiration to widen your social network.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)



Your professional life takes center stage this week, Capricorn. Opportunities for recognition and advancement may pop up. Showcase your people skills.

AQUARIUS

(January 21 - February 18)



Aquarius, broaden your perspective. This is a fine week for learning new things or engaging with novel ideas. Embrace any challenges that get you thinking.

PISCES

(February 19 - March 20)



Pisces, you might be dealing with financial matters that require collaboration with family members. It is important to have open conversation before reaching any conclusions.

FRIENDSHIP WORD SEARCH

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| CARING | COMPANIONSHIP | FORGIVENESS | KINDNESS | MEMORIES | TOGETHERNESS |
| | CONNECTION | FUN | LAUGHTER | RESPECT | TRUST |
| | | | | | UNDERSTANDING |

Ease the break: The Bank of Canada cuts its policy rate to 2.5%

By Mark Parsons, ATB ECONOMICS

After an extended 'wait and see' period, the Bank of Canada decided it was time to resume its rate cutting last week.

The decision to trim its policy rate by 25 basis points to 2.5% did not shock us, and most others in our line of work. It was our call.

With today's cut - the first since March - the Bank is confident that enough progress is being made on inflation as it deals with the now-apparent negative effects of the trade war.

- As we reported last week, headline inflation has cooperated, falling below 2% in each of the last five months. Core inflation is more sticky, but the Bank said today that too may be improving.
- Meanwhile, the Canadian economy has cooled (GDP shrank 1.6% in

2025Q2) and the labour market has weakened (unemployment at 7.1% in August - highest since 2016 outside of the pandemic).

Stateside, the U.S. Federal Reserve is widely expected to cut its policy rate later today - not because of inflation progress (it's around 3%), but because of a darkening employment picture.

We don't have a new forecast from the Bank (that will need to wait until October), so we are left dissecting the statement and press conference remarks for any clues as to what's next.

I interpret some of the comments as dovish. Most notably, the note of "less upside risk to inflation" in the forward looking statement. Further, the Bank specifically references the dropping of Canadian counter-tariffs as a disinflationary force, and that upward momentum on core inflation in re-

cent months has "dissipated".

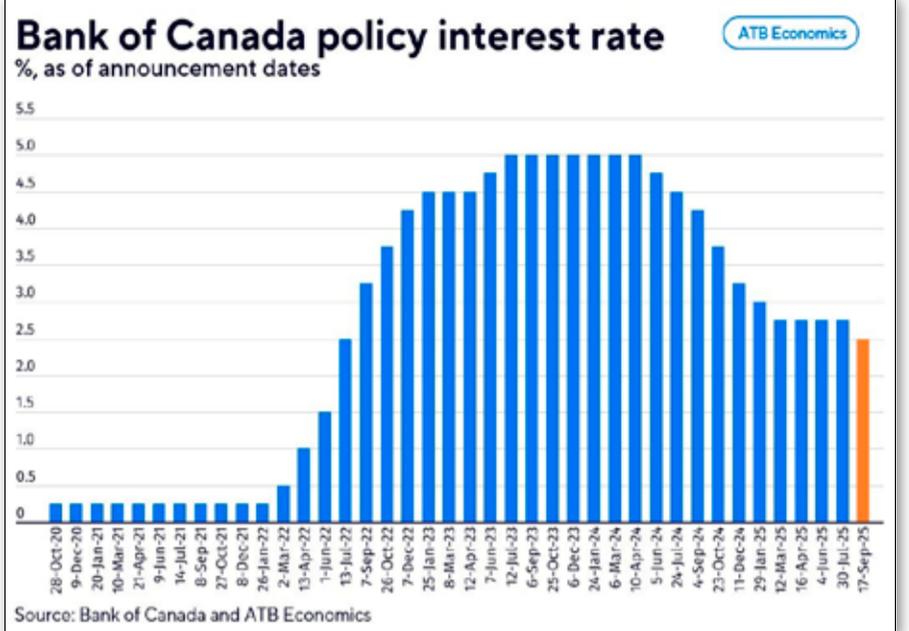
Lean on me - murky outlook means more data dependence

The Bank of Canada has emphasized that it's a particularly tough time to forecast due to trade uncertainty (we get it). In July, they presented not so much forecasts, but scenarios.

With such a murky outlook, the default position is to lean more heavily on the incoming data. Expect the upcoming reports on CPI, GDP and employment before the October announcement to carry extra weight.

From the press conference: "The Bank will continue to assess the risks, look over a shorter horizon than usual, and be ready to respond to new information" [emphasis ours].

Our current call is that the Bank of Canada will cut one more time this year by 25 basis points, but we wouldn't rule out two more cuts in the



final two meetings if inflation cooperates.

Almost there - the big rate cuts are behind us

This announcement does not change our view that the Bank of Canada is almost done cutting. It's already in the 'neutral' range of 2.25-3.25%.

Governor Tiff Macklem has also been clear since the outset of the trade war that he's not coming to the rescue

with aggressive and deep cuts. Tariffs add to price pressures, even as the economy slows. The BofC has to thread that needle.

Further, just because short term rates fall doesn't mean long term rates follow. Five-year government bond yields have already come down (2.73% Sept 16 vs. 3.13% July 15). Even as the policy rate falls, rates on

longer term debt "will be challenged to fall significantly", as Mark Johnson from our rates desk put it over the summer.

The bottom line is that repairing the economy will need to be done outside monetary policy levers. At the moment, all eyes are on fast-tracking major projects and the need to build productive stuff in Canada.

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Legion Week celebration

The Legion is Canada's largest Veteran support and community service organization. We are a non-profit organization with a national reach across Canada as well as branches in the U.S., and in Europe. With more than 270,000 members, many of whom volunteer an extraordinary amount of time to their branches, our strength is in our numbers.

What the Legion does Nationally

The Legion is proud to have once again supported the Canadian Forces Moral and Welfare Services' Operation Canada Day. This

meaningful initiative saw 3,075 care packages delivered to deployed Canadian Armed Forces and RCMP personnel, helping bring a little piece of home to those serving abroad. The Legion is honoured to part in this annual effort - its a reminder that when we come together in support of our troops, we can make a real difference.

In Alberta

Recently, The Legion National Youth Track and Field Championships was held in Calgary. Four winning participants were from AB/NWT District. For 47 years, we have supported young Ca-

nadians through training and competition in track and field. The Legion Nationals are Canada's only track and field competition for the under-16 and under-18 categories.

Much like the military, athletes are chosen to represent their provinces and countries domestically and internationally. Over the years, Legion athletes have gone on to compete at the international level

including as part of the Commonwealth, Pan Am and even the Olympic games.

Your Local Legion Branch #44,

With your donations made every year, good things happen! One sample of the "good thing" is we were able to make a significant donation to Valour Place in 2025. Although it is in Edmonton, all veterans throughout Alberta can come to



Valour Place. Valour Place has provided over 31,000 nights of accommodation to the brave men and women who have given so much to protect our country and communities. Valour Place is here to help in their time of need. Receiving medical treatment can be an incredibly stressful time and Valour Place is a place of comfort and safety for these heroes. Valour Place- a comfortable, temporary, fully accessible residence for soldiers, RCMP, Veterans and First Responders and their families. At Valour Place every guest's journey is unique. Some families stay for only a few days, while others may

call Valour Place home for several months, sometimes up to five, depending on their recovery needs. No matter the length of stay, their focus is always the same: creating a safe, supportive, and comfortable environment.

In the Future

Our Centenary is approaching in 2027 locally. We look forward to the future as well as remembering the past. Service to those who help keep the peace is our number one goal.

"We will remember them". For more information contact President Ralph Schutte at rlschutte@hotmail.com or the Legion Lounge 780-778-3666 Thursdays to Saturday from 2:30 p.m.

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NOTICE OF DECISION

The following decisions were made by the Municipal Planning Commission:

Application 25-062: NW26-59-12-W5 – Temporary Use – Natural Resource Extraction: Log Storage, Log Scaling, And Bridge Laydown – Approved with Conditions.

Application 25-098: 14 McLeod Drive, Lot 16, Block 15, Plan 2935MC – Discretionary Use – Home Occupation, Family Day Home – Approved with Conditions.

Application 25-116: 4104 Kepler Street, Lot 7, Block 23, Plan 8021724 – Discretionary Use – Commercial School, Industrial – Approved with Conditions.

Date of Decision: September 11, 2025

Appeal Closes at 4:00pm: October 2, 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.

GONE ON ELECTION DAY? Apply for Your Special Ballot!

Are you a student attending school outside of Whitecourt? Are you a snowbird, or do you have a vacation planned in October?

If you are unable to attend either of the Town's Advance Votes on October 14 or 18; or the General Municipal Election on October 20, you may be eligible to receive a SPECIAL BALLOT.

Voter identification must be submitted as set out in the instructions which will be included in the Special Ballot package.

Requests for Special Ballots MUST be made **before noon on Friday, October 17** and can be made in person, in writing, or by email:

Town of Whitecourt
5004 – 52 Avenue, Box 509
WHITECOURT, AB T7S 1N6
Email: election@whitecourt.ca

Special Ballots MUST be delivered to the Town Office by 12 Noon on Monday, October 20, 2025 to be deemed valid.

For more information on Special Ballots, contact Tara Gallant at the Town Office at 780.778.2273 or by email at election@whitecourt.ca.

For further information on the 2025 Election, visit www.whitecourt.ca.

Sidewalk renovations



A temporary bridge.

Changes to the sidewalk leading into and out of Festival Park, just down from the Whitecourt Fire Department, are in full swing. A chunk was removed last week, leaving a gaping hole, rendering the pathway unusable. To keep pedestrians moving safely, a temporary wooden walkway bridge was built on the other side of the road.



A hole exists where the sidewalk once was.

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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.

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 Committee

"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 <https://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

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 before noon on Thursday, October 9.

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

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



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7	8 Adult Book Club 2:00-3:00	9	10 Story Time 10:30-11:30	11 CLOSED 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	All Afterschool Programs: Free, Drop-In at the Library, Designed for all school ages.			Back To School Scavenger Hunt 	

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Stay safe at home with these fire prevention tips

(NC) As temperatures drop and we spend more time indoors, it's a good time to give your home a fire safety check. Fall and winter bring added risks like candles, cooking and twinkling holiday lights. But with a few simple precautions, you can help protect your home and the people in it.

Fire safety starts with prevention

- Keep a close eye when you're cooking. Most house fires start in the kitchen, so don't leave the stove unattended, and keep anything flammable, like tea towels or packaging, away from heat.
- Clean out the dryer lint trap every time you use it.
- If you use a fireplace or a wood stove, book a chimney cleaning and inspection every fall before heating season. Stick to safe-burning materials like seasoned wood and never toss in cardboard or household garbage.
- Tidy up the space around your home: keep firewood and dry leaves away from the house, and

ensure your barbecue is clean and grease-free, even the in the off season.

- Replace any damaged strings of holiday lights before decorating and be sure to turn them off before leaving the house or going to bed.
- ## Make sure your alarms and tools are ready
- Test your smoke alarms once a month to make sure they're working properly. You should have one in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of your home.
 - Once a year, be sure to replace batteries in smoke alarms not wired into the home and check the expiration date on the alarm. Expired units should be replaced.
 - If you have gas appliances or a wood-burning fireplace, consider adding a carbon monoxide detector too. It's an extra layer of safety you'll be glad to have.
 - Read your fire extinguisher's instructions carefully and keep it in a place

that's easy to reach and close to an exit.

Plan and practise your escape

- If the worst happens and you experience a fire in your home, make sure you have a plan in place for a safe escape. Your home escape plan should meet the needs of everyone in your household, including young kids, older adults and anyone with mobility or sensory needs.
- Know two ways out of every room if possible, and make sure doors and windows open easily. Consider a window ladder for second floor bedrooms—they're portable and can be easily stored in case of emergencies.
- Have an outside meeting place a safe distance from your home where everyone should meet.

Practise your home fire drill at least twice a year with everyone in the household. Make sure any guests are aware of your fire plan.

A few small steps now can make a big difference in an emergency. For more fire safety tips, visit cooperators.ca.



Getting your teens invested in their future

(NC) Does your teen seem disinterested in learning life skills like finance? The truth is that many high school students wish they had a better understanding of personal finance.

According to a recent survey on financial education, 60 per cent of teens polled said they wanted to learn from their parents and teachers.

With teens eager for financial education from trusted sources, parents are in a position to help address their most pressing concerns. For many young people, the cost of post-secondary education is a major worry.

Not all families will be comfortable with their teens knowing the details of their financial lives (and for some, talking about money can be culturally taboo). But being open and honest with your kids in an age-appropriate way can help them understand expectations as they prepare for adulthood:

Share your own past financial mistakes. Let your kids benefit from the lessons you've had to learn. For example, if you struggled with debt in early adulthood, share what you wish you had known then. Introduce the concept of credit and outline the financial consequences of getting into debt they can't manage.

Help your teen understand how interest works by charging them a small fee to borrow from you. Interest can be a major shock for many young borrowers. It can lead them to sign up for credit cards with interest rates they can't handle because they don't fully understand what they're agreeing to.

Start deeper conversations about investing. Teens are much more interested in the topic of investing than you might think. Many have already started to recognize that they can't build their future on just their regular income.

Start by teaching your kids about different investment vehicles. From there, you can either look into setting up a custodial account (minors under the age of 18 aren't able to open or invest in an investment account without a parent or guardian listed as well), or use an online investment simulator.

"This can be a great time to practice investing and make mistakes, because when you're a kid, you still you have a cushion to fall back on," says Shannette Fraser, an associate VP at TD Wealth.

Help them pick stocks from companies they recognize to make the process more engaging and talk about what happens as the markets fluctuate.

By creating a safe environment to experiment and make mistakes, you can help set up your teens with the tools and mindset they need to make smart investment decisions later in life.



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Putting a face on suicide



Meagan Joan Keenan

Age 20

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

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Dollar Values as of September 24, 2025

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Kim Nendsa (President of Whitecourt Cancer & Wellness Society)

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780-262-0222

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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.

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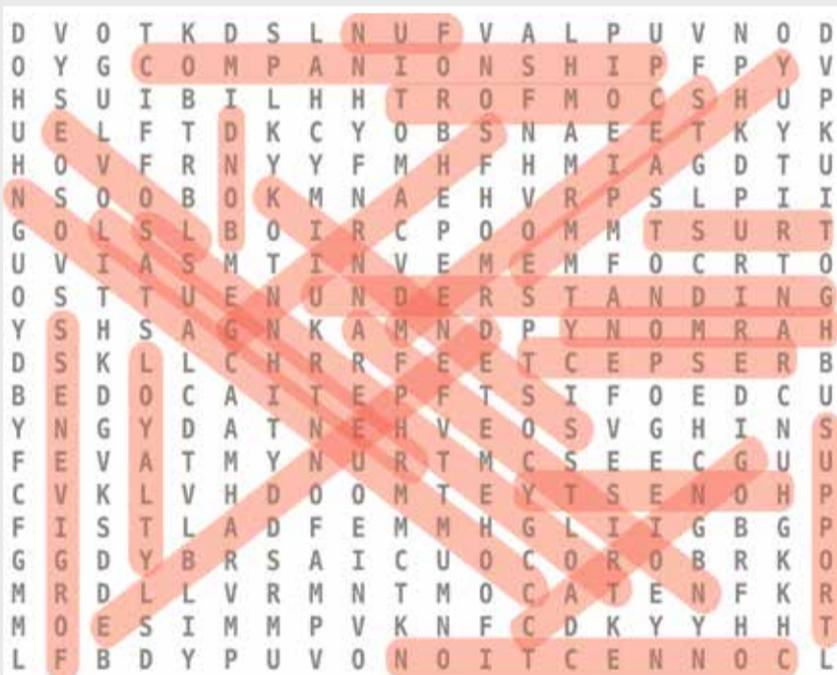
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