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Mason Russell (#21) getting a push.



Ethan Short (#24) giving it all he's got.

Wolverines continue to lead the AJHL as their strong start continues to pick up momentum

| By Serena Lapointe

The Whitecourt Wolverines wrapped their home games for October with a three-game stint starting on October 24. Since the start of the season, Whitecourt's team has been snagging wins

against their divisional rivals, racking up the points and putting distance between themselves and the other teams.

Heading into their game on Tuesday, October 28, against Lloydminster, the Wol-

verines were sitting atop the whole AJHL with twenty points. The next closest team was the Lloydminster Bobcats with sixteen points. A win on Tuesday night would mean

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Reminiscing with Residents

Spruce View Lodge edition featuring Kaye Hoff

| By Serena Lapointe

In room 117 at Spruce View Lodge lives a sweetheart named Kaye. Her full name is Catherine Hoff, and she's lived at the lodge for eight or nine years. Born in High Prairie

on October 18, 1935, Hoff has overcome a lot in her life. But even with every reason to be angry at life or resentful for the experiences she's faced, Hoff is a testament to the power of positivity.

"My parents died when I was quite young, so we ended up living with family and, unfortunately, none of us were welcome," began Hoff. "We were

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17 WHITECOURT BUSINESS all stars

Photo by Kaye Hoff

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In this installment of Reminiscing with Residents, we sit down with Spruce View resident Kaye Hoff. Sharp as a whip with a radiant smile and life advice worth taking to heart, Hoff's story is a tale of resilience and positivity in the face of darkness. Pictured is a business shoutout for KG's.



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With fourteen games on the season (as of October 30), the Whitecourt Wolverines only have three losses and are sitting atop the AJHL mountain. The team had seven home games in October, giving fans a lot of great action at JDA Place. There are only four homes in November.



Some fancy footwork



Brendan Ruskowski (#11) made a Bobcat pancake against the boards.

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the chance to not only grab two points but also put two more points in between them and the Bobcats.

Before breaking down the game, it's worth noting that the Whitecourt Wolverines have an early pattern, if you will, when it comes to game finals. In the first fourteen games, the Wolverines won five games where they only allowed one goal against. They've won three games by a score of 4-1 and two games by a score of 3-1. It'll be interesting to see if the pattern continues

throughout the rest of the season.

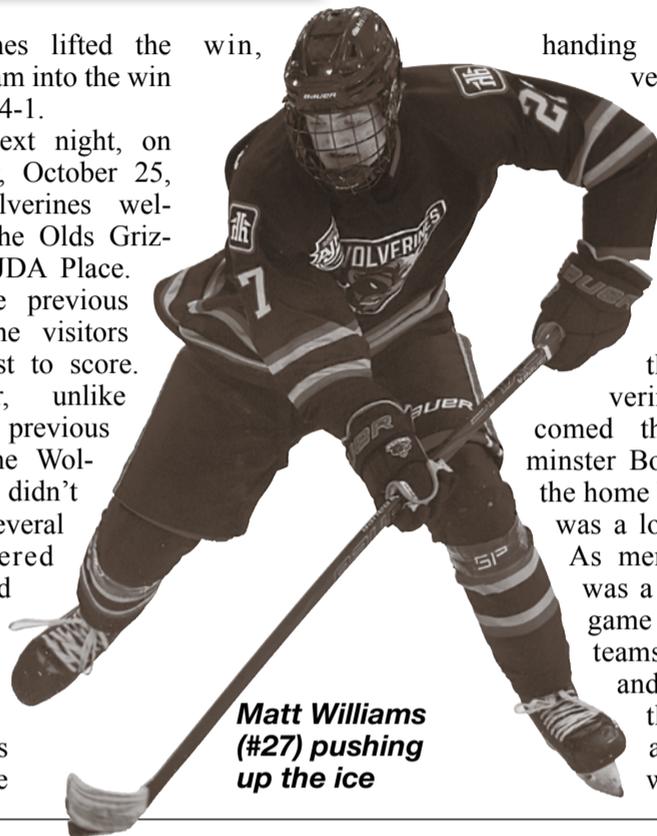
Thanks, probably, to televisions dialed into the Blue Jays games on the concourse at JDA Place, lots of fans showed up to support the Wolverines in the last week of October, with an average of 500 fans in the seats per game.

On Friday, October 24, the Wolverines battled against the Calgary Canucks. The visiting team was the first to get on the board halfway through the first period, but that would be the only goal the Canucks would get. Four unanswered goals from the

Wolverines lifted the home team into the win column, 4-1.

The next night, on Saturday, October 25, the Wolverines welcomed the Olds Grizzlys to JDA Place. Like the previous night, the visitors were first to score. However, unlike the previous night, the Wolverines didn't have several unanswered goals and only scored one. The Grizzlys took the

win,



Matt Williams (#27) pushing up the ice

handing the Wolverines their third loss of the season, 3-1.

On Tuesday, October 28, when the Wolverines welcomed the Lloydminster Bobcats into the home barn, there was a lot at stake. As mentioned, it was a four-point game as the two teams sit first and second in the league, and the win would

either get one team closer to the other or further away. The Wolverines were definitely looking to distance themselves.

Early into the game, the Bobcats struck first, scoring just four minutes and thirty-six seconds into the opening frame. Though no team scored for the next nine minutes, and no penalties were called, things intensified. Hits became more pronounced, the speed increased, and both teams began cranking up their control of the puck, bouncing from

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Michael, Alayssia, Drayden and Kash Drews pose for a photo before heading out trick-or-treating, all dressed up for Halloween.

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one end to another, quickly. At 13:19 of the period, Wolverine Tristan Slywka scored his third goal of the season, assisted by Mason Russell (6) and Spencer Claerhout (5). The Whitecourt Wolverines were on the scoreboard. It was tied,

1-1.

In the second period, the intensity observed in the first came through like glaring high beams on a dark night. Eight penalties were called, five against the Bobcats. From high sticking to delay of game, goalie interference, charging, toughing, slashing and a 10-minute miscon-

duct, the two teams quickly racked up the game's penalty count. Amongst the kerfuffle of the second, the captain, Jalen Bianchet, scored his 16th goal of the season on the power play, giving the Wolverines a 2-1 lead heading into the final period. In the third, unlike the previous period, there was only one penalty, a slashing one against the Bobcats. Much of the period saw Lloydminster fighting to get back into it and tie the game. With only a couple of minutes left, they pulled their goalie. Try as they might, the Bobcats couldn't get the puck past Whitecourt's goalie, Luke McKechnie, who was an unpassable object in net.

With 50 seconds left in the period, the puck landed on Quentin

Bourne's stick, who then passed it to Jalen Bianchet. With an open net before him, Kyle Tucker accepted a pass from Bianchet and proceeded to snag an empty netter, hammering the final nail in the coffin for the Bobcats.

The Wolverines won 3-1 and lead the AJHL standings with 22 points.

The next home games for the Whitecourt Wolverines come in pairs. The first two are Friday, November 7, against the Camrose Kodiaks and Sunday, November 9, against the Drayton Valley Thunder. The next two are Friday, November 21, against the Calgary Canucks and Saturday, November 22, against the Canmore Eagles, which pauses Wolverine action at JDA Place until December.



Trying not to collide with the Bobcat's goalie.

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P.O.P.	40%	75%	65%	60%	40%
High	2°C	4°C	4°C	4°C	3°C
Low	0°C	-1°C	-2°C	-2°C	-2°C
Wind	E 19 km/h	W 13 km/h	W 16 km/h	W 17 km/h	W 14 km/h
24-Hr Rain / Snow	-	-	-	-	-

Powerplay for pets



A good looking bunch.



A big pile of donations.

Photos by Jen LaFrance

The Whitecourt Wolverines U11-Team 1 group held a donation drive on October 30 at JDA Place. The teammates were dressed up in their finest Halloween costumes, from a mad scientist to a dinosaur, a hockey player, a banana, a witch, a clown and a thieving alien. From 5-7 pm, the team accepted donations towards the Whitecourt Pound, including dog and cat food, treats, toys and blankets. By the end of the evening, they had amassed a large amount of food that would most certainly be a big help to the staff and furry friends at the Whitecourt Pound.

Lest we forget

Honouring Canada's heroes on Remembrance Day

By Haylee Winger

Each year on November 11, Canadians come together to pause, reflect, and remember the men and women who have served and sacrificed for our country. Remembrance Day is a time to honour those who fought for peace and freedom — and to acknowledge the courage and resilience of those who continue to serve today. Across the nation, communities gather at cenotaphs, legions, and memorials

to lay wreaths, listen to the haunting notes of the “Last Post,” and observe a moment of silence at 11 a.m. It is a moment shared from coast to coast — a collective promise that the bravery and sacrifices of Canada’s veterans will never be forgotten.

The red poppy remains a powerful symbol of remembrance. Inspired by the poem In Flanders Fields, it stands as a reminder of the lives lost in conflicts past and present, and of the hope that endures in their memory.

Remembrance Day is not only about re-

membering the fallen but also recognizing the ongoing contributions of veterans, military families, and peacekeepers who have helped shape our country. Their dedication, service, and quiet strength continue to inspire future generations. As Canadians bow their heads in silence this November 11, we remember those who gave their lives, those who returned home forever changed, and those who continue to serve. Their legacy lives on in the peace and freedom we cherish today.

Lest we forget.

Dustin Evan Schulte

It is with deep sadness that we share the passing of Dustin Evan Schulte, who was born on August 16, 1989, in Whitecourt, Alberta, and passed away on October 16, 2025, in Wetaskiwin County at the age of 36.

Dustin will be forever loved and remembered by his spouse, Jennifer Schibler, and his cherished children, Charley and Hailey Schulte, both of whom were the center of his world. He is also lovingly remembered by his parents Wilma & Don Harris; siblings Kurtis Schulte, Shaelynn (Carson Rumberger); and his nephew Oskar Schulte.

He will be deeply missed by Les and Jackie Schibler, Lyndell Beach, and Ryan and Ashley Schibler, who shared in many of life’s moments with him.

Dustin was predeceased by his grandparents Ralph and Eileen Schulte, Evan and Lucille Schutte, Don and Marie Harris, and his nephew Breven Schulte.

A true outdoorsman at heart, Dustin loved spending time in nature—whether it was fishing, hunting,



or quadding. His passion for football was undeniable, and he could always be found cheering on his favorite team, the Alabama Crimson Tide.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, November 8, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at the Westward Community Centre, Whitecourt AB.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider making a donation to the Canadian Mental Health Association in Dustin’s memory. Donations can be made through the following link: <https://cmha.ca/how-you-can-help/donate/>.

NOTICE OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Notice is hereby given that regular Council meetings will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday every 2 weeks, starting November 6, 2025, at the Woodlands County Municipal Office in Whitecourt unless noted otherwise on the Woodlands County website: www.woodlands.ab.ca.
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58. Students' exam
59. Leaked blood

CLUES DOWN

- Brave
- Act of awakening
- Jest at
- Sandwich store
- Chapter of the Koran
- Dismounted
- Small vehicle
- Irked
- One who earns by disreputable dealings
- Monetary unit of Samoa
- Long, mournful lamentation
- Weight unit
- Alone, single
- Decreases
- Indicates beside
- Worn by exposure to the weather
- A body of traditions

- College students' ultimate goal
- Amino acid
- Nasal mucus
- US government entity
- Swinish
- Legislative body in Russia
- Grant an exemption to
- Put in advance
- Satisfy
- Felt
- Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
- Witnesses
- Picnic invaders
- Gasteyer and de Armas are two
- Ancient person of Scotland
- Cheerless
- Unwell

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ARIES

(March 21 - April 20)



This is a great week to start a new project or hobby, Aries. Your energy is very high right now. Just be careful not to bite off more than you can chew.

TAURUS

(April 21 - May 21)



This week is all about treating yourself, Taurus. You have been working very hard and it's about time you indulge in some well-deserved relaxation. Think about ways to unwind.

GEMINI

(May 22 - June 21)



Gemini, your social calendar is buzzing. You will be the life of the party this week, so get ready for some fun conversations and exciting invitations in the days to come.

CANCER

(June 22 - July 22)



You might be feeling particularly cozy and creative this week, Cancer. Your home is your sanctuary, so consider a DIY project to make it even more restful and comfortable.

LEO

(July 23 - August 23)



People may be drawn to your confident and playful nature this week, Leo. This is a great time to express yourself creatively or take the lead on a group activity.

VIRGO

(August 24 - September 22)



Virgo, you are a master of small details. This week you may find joy in organizing and perfecting something you care about. Tidying up may feel therapeutic right now.

LIBRA

(September 23 - October 23)



Libra, get ready for some surprises. The universe is giving you a little nudge towards fun and adventure. Keep in mind a casual outing could turn into an exciting experience.

SCORPIO

(October 24 - November 22)



Pay attention to your gut feelings, Scorpio. Your intuition is sharp this week. You may be able to navigate a tricky situation with surprising ease and do so in a good mood.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)



A funny misunderstanding will lead to a lot of laughter with a close friend, Sagittarius. Don't be afraid to tell jokes, even if they aren't the best.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)



Your hard work is paying off, Capricorn. Take some time to celebrate your wins, big or small. You might find a new way to make a routine task more enjoyable.

AQUARIUS

(January 21 - February 18)



Creativity is flowing this week, Aquarius. You may have some innovative ideas, so don't be afraid to share them with others. A brainstorming session with coworkers can be rewarding.

PISCES

(February 19 - March 20)



Pisces, right now your imagination is your best friend, so let it guide you to some fun and whimsical activities. This is a great time to listen to music or to learn to play an instrument.

Crossword Clues

CLUES ACROSS

- Difficult
- Coarsely ground corn
- There's one for the "world"
- Loved Romeo
- Sticky situation
- Pelvic areas
- An informal debt instrument
- Cannot be repaired surgically
- A device attached to a workbench
- Related on the mother's side
- Sound unit
- ___ Sagan, astronomer
- Utah city
- A disappointing effort
- Steal goods during

a riot

- Wakes up
- Hair salon service
- Serenaded
- Looked intensely
- U.S. Air Force expert Robert F.
- A type of cast
- One's duty
- Where golfers begin
- Make a mistake
- Semitic sun god
- Ancient Greek City
- Having had the head cut off
- A place to stay
- Unwise
- Most unnatural
- Dennis is a notable one
- Ointments

TAKE A BREATH WORD SEARCH



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

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| ALVEOLI | BRONCHI | DIAPHRAGM | HEMOGLOBIN | OXYGEN | SPIROMETRY |
| APNEA | CAPILLARIES | DYSPNEA | HYPERCAPNIA | PERFUSION | TIDAL VOLUME |
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by PETER MARINACCI



Grabbing a bite: Restaurant and bar sales in Alberta

By Rob Roach | ATB
ECONOMICS

Grabbing a bite: Restaurant and bar sales in Alberta

Released October 30, the latest Statistics Canada data show that restaurant and bar sales in Alberta were robust in August, up 7.6% from the same month last year.*

On a year-to-date basis, revenue was by up 5.9% over the first eight months of the year compared to the same period in 2024.

Removing the effects of inflation, year-over-year revenue was 5.6% higher and year-to-date 4.8% higher, indicat-

ing that the growth was mostly due to higher spending rather than higher prices.

How do we account for this rise in spending on eating out/ordering in the face of rising unemployment in the province? First, there is the inclination of Albertans to continue to enjoy the province's restaurants and bars.

Second, ongoing population growth and less travel to the U.S. has increased the pool of potential customers.

Third, given the high cost of food, there is likely some bargain hunting going on. I for one was able to get a

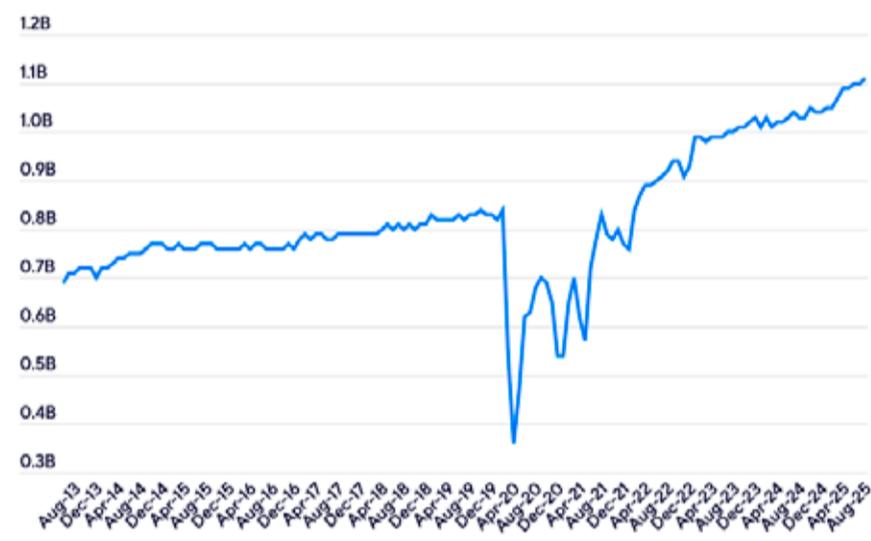
beef dip from Arby's for half the price it would have cost me to make it at home. As always, because we don't have corresponding data on the operating costs of restaurants and bars, we can't say with any certainty if the sector is doing better or worse in terms of net profit. Nonetheless, the rise in sales is a positive sign for the sector and an indication that the Alberta economy, despite tariff headwinds, is continuing to push forward.

*All data in today's Twenty-Four are on a seasonally-adjusted basis.

Restaurant and bar sales in Alberta

ATB Economics

\$, seasonally adjusted



Source: Statistics Canada Table 21-10-0019-01 and ATB Economics

AMA urges collaboration to combat health misinformation

By Trent Wilkie, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

With confusion over COVID-19 vaccinations, the rise in measles cases, and the privatization of some MRI services, there is a lot of medical information floating around out there. Dr. Brian Wirzba, president of the Alberta Medical Association, believes communication between patients and health professionals is key.

"We feel very strongly that patient autonomy is important and that patients should be able to make decisions, but we want those decisions to be informed," said Wirzba. "If you're diagnosed with cancer and you know you're being presented with all of these potential options, it's a little overwhelming. Patients need that ability to talk to their doctor about that and feel confident that the information they're getting is true."

Wirzba acknowledges there may be some mistrust of the health care system and science in general, but said the government needs to work with the Alberta Medical Association and other groups trying to combat misinformation — especially when it comes to COVID-19 vaccinations and the current measles outbreak.

"It is the time of year where respiratory cases spike and systems should be in place to deal with that," Wirzba said, pointing out the AMA has raised concerns with the government about how vaccination and immunization programs in Alberta will roll out this year.

"The point of a public health immunization program really is to prevent disease," Wirzba said. "Lots of people, myself included, had measles with no major complications, but we have otherwise healthy children who can get

measles and then have hospitalizations for pneumonia, or end up having neurologic conditions later, or even death."

Public health experts say the rise of measles is linked to declining vaccination rates. These rates are fuelled by misinformation, which begets vaccine hesitancy and distrust of science — something Wirzba calls a sad reflection of our times.

"The World Health Organization definition for a country having its measles elimination status revoked means that we have to go a full year without further cases transmitting within the country," Wirzba said. "But we are still seeing spread even this week. So we're going to be losing that status, and that relates to our overall vaccination rates. We were seeing vaccination rates that are not at the 95 per cent that we need for our measles elimination."

When it comes to the government planning legislative changes to allow Albertans to privately pay for diagnostic or screening services, Wirzba is worried about how the patient is educated on the findings of the screenings. This is where Wirzba referenced something called an incidentaloma. An incidentaloma in medical or research imaging is an incidental imaging finding that is not related to the original reason for the diagnostic.

As an example, one could go in for a colon cancer scan and there might be a little cyst on their kidney or a lump in their liver or a slight lymph node, or some calcification in their arteries. That's not what the patient was looking for.

"What we're worried about is with direct access and the way it was described in the video, is that patients would be able to have access to almost any kind of tests," Wirzba said. "And we know that depending on the patient population, 20 to 80 per cent of those scans are going to have

an abnormality."

Wirzba says most of these incidentalomas are benign but can cause anxiety for the patient or even excessive spending. Health professionals can educate the patient on what they should or shouldn't worry about.

"But if you've paid \$1,000 to have that scan and you don't talk to your doctor about it and you get this result, someone might think the worst," Wirzba said. "That is why it is important not to over-test, because we know that the outcomes aren't better, so patients don't benefit."

Wirzba said without the patient being educated by the proper professional, it could lead to them needlessly spending more money, which costs the system money and time, and delays other people's access.

"Now, if you put appropriate guardrails on it, then we could avoid those issues," Wirzba said. "And that's really where we need to be talking to the government and working with them to sort of see exact-

ly, 'How do you envision this rolling out, how does the government envision this? Once you start with the private system, do you stay in that system or do you flip over to the public system, and could that potentially increase costs?' So again, lots of unknowns that we need to discuss and clarify with government."

Again, Wirzba circles back to the overall theme of clarity and communication — between patient and their family, between patient and doctor, and between the AMA and the government.

"What we're trying to do is just open the opportunity for conversation," Wirzba said. "And I certainly want to make sure that we're having open and honest conversations with the government. We're not trying to be antagonistic in any shape or form. We need appropriate screening tests and screening tests that follow evidence-based guidelines. These are recommended. These reduce the likelihood of bad outcomes."

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CAMPING SEASON IS WINDING DOWN....



Residents throughout Whitecourt are getting ready to winterize and store their Recreational Vehicles (RVs) for the season. The Town of Whitecourt reminds residents that Land Use Bylaw 1577 and Traffic Bylaw 1573 outline guidelines and regulations for the parking of RVs on residential properties and streets.

Below are some frequently asked questions regarding RV parking.

What vehicles are considered RVs?

Motor homes, fifth wheel trailers, holiday trailers, and boats are all considered recreational vehicles under Land Use Bylaw 1577.

Where can residents park their RVs during the winter?

During the winter, RVs must be stored beside or behind the house. From November 1 to March 31, on residential properties, one recreational vehicle may be stored on site. No portion of the recreational vehicle may be located any further forward than the front of the home (minimum of 6.1m from the front property line).

Can residents park unattached trailers on a local street?

No, unattached trailers cannot be parked on town streets at any time. This includes (but is not limited to) tent trailers, travel trailers, fifth wheel trailers, boat trailers, utility trailers, campers not mounted on truck, etc.

Can an RV parked on a local street or on a private property be utilized for sleeping?

No, an RV parked on a local street or highway cannot be utilized for sleeping. RV's are not permitted to be occupied for temporary accommodations except within approved campground locations.

What are the fines for the improper parking of an RV and utility vehicle?

Fines can be issued according to Town Bylaws and Provincial Legislation.

- Parking RVs in prohibited areas - \$300 fine for first offence under Land Use Bylaw 1577. Subsequent fines will apply for non-compliance.
- Unattached Trailers - \$100 fine under Traffic Bylaw 1573
- Parked over 72 hours – up to a \$324 penalty, plus towing cost under the Traffic Safety Act

For more information, contact the Planning & Development Department at 780-778-2273 or visit www.whitecourt.ca.

NOTICE OF DECISION

The following decisions were made by the Municipal Planning Commission:

Application No. 25-129 - Discretionary Use - Accessory Building - Shipping Container at 5002 50 Street - Approved with conditions.

Application No. 25-131 - Discretionary Use - Family Care Facility at 4739 51 Avenue - Approved with conditions.

Date of Decision: October 23, 2025

Appeal Closes at 4:00pm: November 13, 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.

FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION MONTH November 2025

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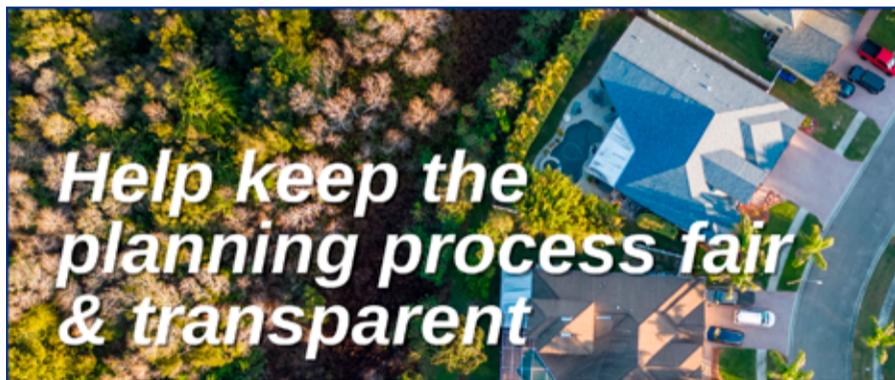


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Anytime Fitness joined the fun at Whitecourt's annual Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 25, with a spooky setup featuring two witches at their decorated trunk. The event brought the community together for a safe and festive Halloween celebration.

Anytime Fitness photo



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SCHOOL NEWS



Pat Hardy School photo

Pat Hardy Primary School's support staff served up a festive surprise on Halloween, treating teachers to a hearty lasagna lunch in appreciation of their hard work and dedication.



Donovan playfully browsing the candy selection.



Vista Theatre manager Donovan Pronovost, and his wife, Ashlee, pose for a photo in their creative halloween costumes.



Vista Theatre photos

Vista Theatre staff showed off their Halloween spirit with festive and fun costumes.



Central School photo

Central School's student teachers posed outside the school last week, beaming as they welcomed students back after the strike.

Whitecourt Town Council holds first meetings of 2025–2029 term

By Haylee Winger

Whitecourt Town Council for the 2025–2029 term held its first Organizational and Regular Meetings on October 27, marking the official start of the new council term.

Council is now turning its attention to the 2026 operating and capital budgets. Over the coming weeks, a

series of meetings and presentations will be held to discuss priorities and prepare the budgets for the upcoming year.

During the organizational meeting, Councillor Tara Baker was appointed Deputy Mayor until January 31, 2026, and Councillor Serena Lapointe was appointed Acting

Deputy Mayor for the duration of the council term.

Council also made several public appointments to its committees. Appreciation was expressed to all community members who applied for the positions. Applicants will be contacted in the coming days regarding their appointment

status.

Administration has been asked to present further financial and long-term planning details at the November 10, 2025 Council Meeting concerning the potential purchase of three new transit buses.

Traffic signal upgrades are planned for the intersections of 49 Avenue and 51 Street,

and 52 Avenue and 47 Street. The improvements follow a review of traffic flow and infrastructure condition. The contract for the work has been awarded to Can-Traffic Services Ltd. for \$529,536.66 plus GST, with construction expected to begin this winter.

Council also approved supplementary

procedures for the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) Committee, which outline meeting management and administrative processes.

In addition, at the request of the Whitecourt Wolverines, Council approved a six-month extension to the Renovation Contribution Agreement.



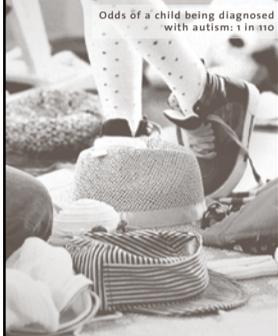
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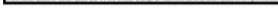


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Photos Violet Mae's

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Woodlands County Council recap

Elected Officials for the 2025-2029 term were sworn in on Monday, October 27th followed by two days of Council Orientation. The Council Organizational meeting was held on Wednesday, October 29th. Councillor Dave Kusch was re-appointed as Reeve. The Deputy Reeve position will see an 8-month rotational appointment for the 2025-2029 term by last name-alphabetical order, starting with Councillor Alan Deane.

The Organizational Meeting also appointed members of council to Council Committees and Boards, as well as the Members-at-Large appointments. To all applicants – we thank you for your commitment. All applicants will be contacted in the coming days regarding the status of Council Committee appointments.

Council meeting dates and times have been changed to every second Thursday at 9:30 a.m. starting on November 6, 2025. Governance & Priorities Committee meetings will continue to

be held bi-monthly commencing at 5:00 p.m. beginning on December 10, 2025. All meetings are held at the Woodlands County Council Chambers located at #1 Woodlands Lane, Whitecourt, Alberta. The Council calendar will be updated on the Woodlands County Website in the coming days.

Woodlands County Council discussed the following items at their Regular Council Meeting on October 29th:

Lac Ste. Anne County Enforcement Services presented their Q3 2025 Enforcement Services report to Council that highlighted the enforcement activity within Woodlands County, and council received the presentation for information.

Council adopted policy CS.P-4.101 Remuneration for Fire Fighting Duties During County Work Hours which regulates how County employees who are also Volunteer Firefighters are paid when responding to emergency calls while working

during regular business hours.

Council adopted policy IS.U-6.501 Bulk Water which regulates the use of the Bulk Water Fill Stations to provide users with secure and adequate supply of potable bulk water. Users will be required to access the stations by providing pre-payment and a County issued a fob, acquired from either of the County Administration Offices. Further information will be provided on the County website at www.woodlands.ab.ca/ Council was provided 2025 Q3 reports from the Corporate Services, Community & Planning Services, Infrastructure Services, and the Chief Administrative Officer departments. Council is appreciative of being kept up-to-date and informed through these reports and received them for information.

Woodlands County Council approved the AD-HOC Indigenous Pathways Committee and Terms of Reference, as amended. This AD-HOC committee

supports Woodlands County in actively building and establishing processes to enhance our relationship with and recognize our Indigenous people.

Woodlands County Council adopted supplementary procedures for the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) Committee. The procedures relate to meeting management and administration for the Committee.

Upcoming scheduled meetings:

- Regular Council – Thursday, November 6 @ 9:30 a.m.
- Regular Council – Thursday, November 20 @ 9:30 a.m.
- Regular Council – Thursday, December 4 @ 9:30 a.m.
- Governance & Priorities – Wednesday, December 10, 5:00 pm

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

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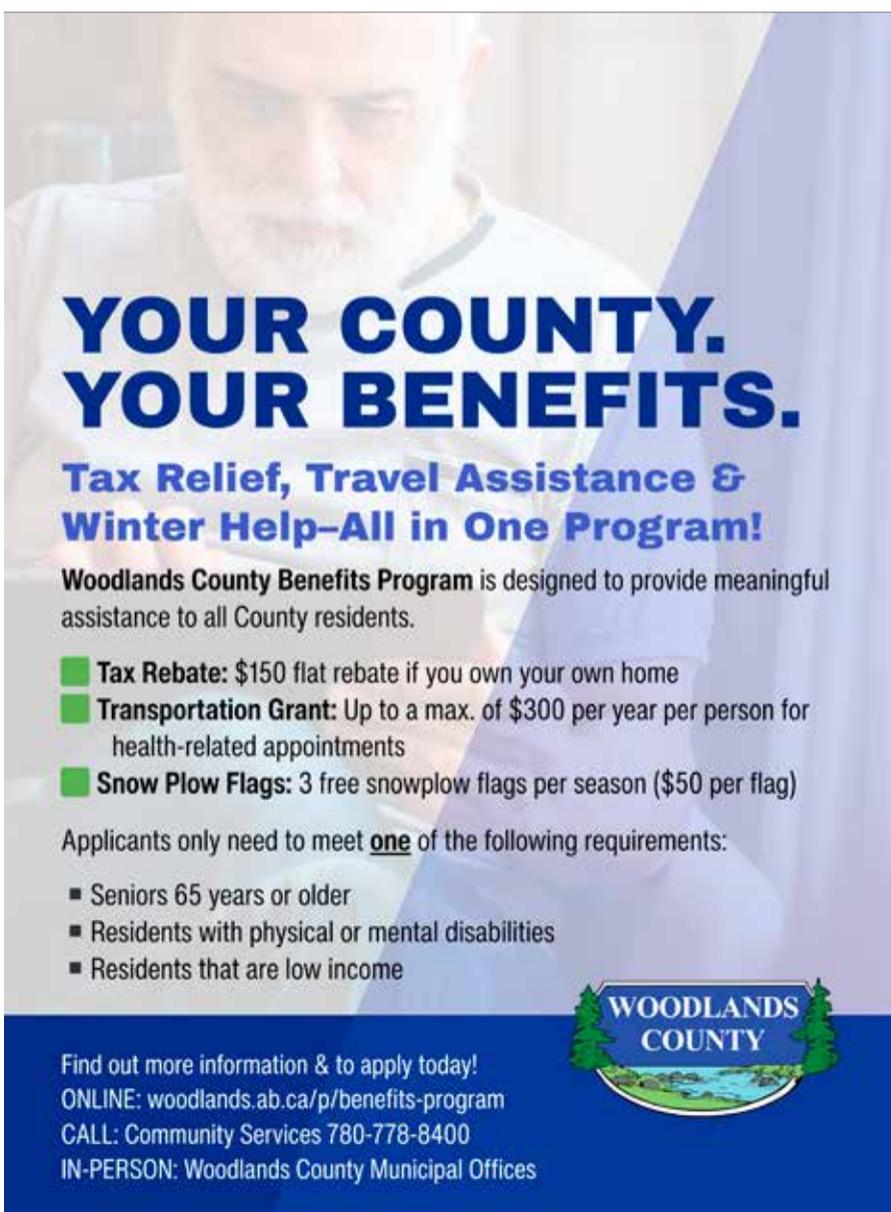


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Kelsey Marie Langan

Age 27

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Whitecourt TRAC U18 Wolverines photo

On Saturday, October 25, the Whitecourt TRAC U18AA Wolverines hockey team collected used batteries during their community battery drive. The team went door-to-door in Whitecourt gathering donations to support their program.

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Kaye and her beautiful smile.

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orphaned when my youngest sister was a baby, and there were seven of us left without parents. Well, first we were without a mother, and I was in the hospital when suddenly I didn't have a dad anymore either."

Hoff and her baby sister were placed with her maternal grandmother, but the experience was not pleasant. "Looking at it now, I don't blame her. I told her that years later, before she died, and she apologized. I was able to understand why then, but I couldn't understand why before because I was an orphan, and I didn't have anyone. But she had raised her kids already, and she was fifty and not wanting to raise more kids."

After some time with her grandparents, Hoff was adopted by Betty and Harvey Gordon, who gave her the childhood she deserved. "That was an awesome experience. They treated me like I was their own. They gave me stepsisters, Pat and

Sharon, and a couple of brothers, so I had a biological family, and I had an adopted family. Pat and I are still very, very close," said Hoff.

One of her fondest memories was going on long drives to Peace River from her step-parent's home in Valleyview. "My stepfather would let me drive for much of the trip. I was fourteen and I loved that. I could barely see over the steering wheel," laughed Hoff. "Chains were rattling the whole way. I remember feeling pretty big about myself as I drove that truck."

At eighteen, a job opportunity as a telephone operator brought her to town. She had been in Edmonton at the time, and her adoptive family had since moved to Whitecourt and encouraged her to do the same. "They had a little telephone at the back of the hardware store, and I looked after it. In High Prairie, we had four or five boards, and each one had a hundred numbers on it.

In Whitecourt, there was only one board with thirty numbers

on it. I was shocked to see it." She said it wasn't a hard job, but it was mentally taxing. "You had to be on the ball, but other than that, you sat for eight hours, asked for the number and said if you could or couldn't connect them."

Hoff said she loved her job. "My boss was Margaret Stevenson. She was an awesome lady and an awesome boss. At that time, you would say, "number, please," and sometimes you wanted to tell them to get lost," she chuckled. "My landlord used to tell his friends to call when I was on duty because I was a good operator. It was a compliment, but on the other hand, people would wait until 3:30 or 4 o'clock because I would be on duty. It was pretty cool, but I could've shot him at the best of times," she laughed.

Hoff said her younger sister got married at 16. "It was because of everything we went through. I said I wasn't going to get married until I was 25, and I almost made it." Hoff

got married in May of 1959 and turned 25 that October. "I was close," she laughed.

Her husband, Norman, met her through a friend of his who happened to like Hoff. "The guy was under the impression that he was going to marry me. He introduced me to Norman and said, I want you to meet the girl I'm going to marry," laughed Hoff. "I told him that I wouldn't marry him if he were the last man on earth. Then Norman said he wouldn't marry me because of my attitude," chuckled Hoff. "I told him that he might be sorry for saying that, because I liked him right off the bat."

Hoff said the next words out of her mouth were that she wanted to borrow Norman's car to go for a ride. He said he wouldn't let her go unless he went with her. "And that was that. Our first date," laughed Hoff. That drive out to Carson Lake proved to be all the pair needed. "He was a good man. I never had to worry about him getting mad at me or raising his temper. I know that a lot of girls were scared of their husbands, but I never had to worry about that. I also had great in-laws."

The two were happily married for seventeen years, raising their son Brian, before Norman passed away. Hoff chose not to remarry. "It was a good seventeen years. We

didn't have very much, but we had a good, healthy marriage. He was a kindhearted man, and he came from good stock. There was no way that I could replace him and remarry."

The pair's son, Brian, worked at Millar Western for a few years before meeting his wife and moving south. "I'm living here and he's living there, but at the same time, his grandpa and grandma moved from Norway to Canada. My husband never knew his relatives. So, Brian was luckier than his dad was because his dad didn't know his relatives, but Brian did, both the biological ones and the adopted ones," said Hoff.

For those who know the local restaurant KG's Sandwich Bar, Hoff was one of the founding partners. "My friend, Grace and I both worked. She worked at the bank, and I worked at the Ford dealership, and we decided one day that we should start a business because we were sick and tired of going out for lunch at 12 and not getting our lunch until 12:45 because everyone else was getting theirs too."

With a K for Kaye and a G for Grace, a delicious venture was born. "My husband called us the Soup Sisters! We made fresh soup and sandwiches daily, and desserts, like cinnamon buns.

We had no complaints about our food. It was awesome to see

people enjoying it." Ten years later, the pair sold the restaurant and retired.

During those kitchen years, Hoff faced breast cancer, but it didn't slow her down. "It is what it is.

I survived. I think my humour has a lot to do with staying positive. That's just me. It's how I cope.

Staying positive was 95 percent of it. You can't go through being an orphan and survive that without having a positive attitude," said Hoff. "Life hasn't been easy, but there are a lot of people who have had it a lot worse than I did. You have to buck up and face whatever you have to face. If you get up and get grouchy, then you'll be grouchy for your life. If you get up and say, Thank God, then you'll be positive."

Even though she has faced a lot, Hoff said she holds onto the fond memories, and her beautiful, glowing smile radiates the love she has for life. "I ended up with a wonderful husband; it's too bad he died so young, but he was a wonderful man. He was the kindest man you could have ever met. You make your life by what you put into it. So, be appreciative and thankful." Thank you, Kaye, for sharing your stories and for giving us words of wisdom to live by. You called yourself "an oldie but a goodie," and you are most certainly that.



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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

GRIEF SHARE **CALL Ruth 780-674-7182**

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

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

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Whitecourt RCMP Staff Sergeant Matthew Clarke has been recognized for his exceptional dedication and service to Alberta communities. Clarke was among 44 Alberta RCMP employees honoured in Devon on October 22 with Long Service Awards, Commanding Officer Commendations, Certificates of Appreciation, and Special Service Awards. Staff Sergeant Clarke received both the RCMP 20-Year Long Service Award and the Alberta Police 20-Year Long Service Award. He was commended for his unwavering commitment to the communities he has served and his contributions to leadership, volunteerism, and community engagement within the RCMP.

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