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## Cats dominate game



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## Library Storytime encourages children to look closely at nature

By Nerissa McNaughton  
Whitecourt Press

Storytime at the library is always a fun event. In addition to exploring books, children enjoy songs and crafts. One recent read was Frank Serafini's *Looking Closely through the Forest*. Serafini's camera lens captures what looks like flakes of oatmeal,

orange peels, and gummy bears through macro (extreme close up) photography, but when the page is turned and the image is beheld at a more standard size, the items are revealed to be toadstools, millipedes, and other wonders of nature. Storytime takes place on most Saturdays and some evenings during the week.

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# The Highway of Tears: are budget cuts leaving women more vulnerable?

By Laura Bohnert  
Whitecourt Press

It's officially named Highway 16, but, due to the number of unsolved murders that span its length, it has long been known as the Highway of Tears, and now the Highway is becoming victim once more -- one to government budget cuts.

The Highway of Tears refers to the 800 km section of Highway 16 between Prince George and Prince Rupert, British Columbia. It has been the official murder scene of 18 women, but many consider the number of victims to be closer to 40 if those who have gone missing from a wider search area are taken into account.

Of the 18 official victims, 10 of the women were indigenous and 13 were only teenagers.

The investigation spans 37 years, from the first murder in 1969 to the most recent in 2006, and includes the murders and disappearances of women spanning the geographic areas around Highways 16, 97, and 5. While multiple suspects have been named, no charges have been laid in any of the 18 cases.

The most profound development in the case occurred in 2012, when DNA evidence was found in the investigation of Colleen MacMillan's murder that linked American sex offender Bobby Jack Fowler to the case.

MacMillan, 16, was last seen alive in August

of 1974 when she left her family home in Lac La Hache, BC with plans to hitchhike to visit a friend. Her remains were found a month later.

Bobby Jack Fowler also became the prime suspect in two other Highway of Tears murders, those of Pamela Darlington (19) and Gale Weys, both of whom went missing in 1973 (Weys's body was found in 1974). While Fowler was suspected, no conclusive proof was found to connect him to the other two murders. He died in prison in 2006 before he could be charged with MacMillan's murder.

No proof has been found that can link any of the other 15 cases, which suggests the likelihood of there being multiple killers.

While the investigation remains open and, reportedly, remains a priority, recent budget cuts are making any potential headway a lot less prob-

able. Over the past two years, the budget for the RCMP investigation has been cut by an alarming 84 per cent.

After the two 2006 disappearances, the RCMP implemented an E-Pana task force to lead a probe into the 18 murders or disappearances. Between 2009 and 2012, the task force received its peak funding, approximately \$5 million per year, and employed 70 police officers plus support staff. It was during this period that the DNA connection was made linking Fowler to the three potential murders.

Now, however, the severe budget cuts have reduced the task force to 12 "dedicated" investigators, reports Sgt. Rob Vermeulen, a number which, according to the Justice Ministry, will be cut in half once the budget cuts are implemented in full.

Two weeks ago, private investigator Lee

Hanlon (based out of Mission, BC) announced he would be taking up the case alongside the remaining E-Pana task force. While he plans to re-interview witnesses and family members of the 18 victims -- and while he asks for anyone with any knowledge about the case to contact him personally so he can ensure the information is included in the probe -- the outlook still seems bleak.

To date, more than \$25.3 million have been invested into the E-Pana investigation, and not only have no formal charges been laid, but further suggestions on

how to make that stretch of road less dangerous have also been neglected. In fact, one of the key arguments was for the implementation of an improved bus service to ensure women wouldn't have to hitchhike along Highway 16. No efforts have been made to implement even this preventative strategy.

Now, with more impending budget cuts, it seems unlikely that any results will come about. As a result, one of the most violent and dangerous places for women in Canada will remain a threat so its funding can be allocated elsewhere within the government, at least until another body turns up.

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~ OBITUARY ~

**SHEREMETA, GORDON (CORKY)**  
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Gordon passed away in Oliver BC after a short battle with cancer at the age of 57. Growing up in Whitecourt, Gordon cherished memories of his early days with his brothers and sisters often reminiscing of the great times he had with them. He enjoyed expressing his talents singing and playing guitar with his friends.




"Corky" as we all called him was a free spirit who lived life on his own terms for the past 30 years summering in the Okanagan and wintering in Vancouver.

He is survived by his daughter Lindsay, step mother Janet, siblings Shirley (Ron), Nick (Cindy), Doreen, Gary (Heather) & Betty, half brother Joey (Brigit), step brothers & sister Sylvia (Les), Tony (Anne), Ted (Rosanne), and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his mother and father. Cremation has already taken place and a gathering of his family and friends to celebrate his life will take place at the Whitecourt Cemetery on September 27, 2014 at 12:30pm

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## How I see it

Welcome, everyone, to this week's issue of the Press.

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Mollison is the personification of the adage, "a picture is worth a 1,000 words." In his book, no apologies are given, only the barest explanations of children's lives are provided and the pictures speak for themselves. Each photo is a portrait of a child against a plain background. The next is a photo of that child's bedroom. From swanky toy-filled rooms on New York's 5th Avenue to dirty, torn couches under leaking roofs, children of all social status, race, and geographical location are profiled.

It's a startling look at the wild inequality in our world but, also, a look that doesn't preach or patronize. It's almost matter-of-fact in its approach. However, the book does drive home the point that even the barest mattress in a small apartment is something to be thankful for. North America is very blessed to be a developed nation and Alberta, with its natural resources and strong economy, is one of the best places to live in Canada.

Whitecourt has always been very enthusiastic about giving back to those in need and that is why, even though some of the images in the book are sad and haunting, I'll sleep well tonight because I know people like you are working hard to make the world a better place – a world where every child has a safe place to sleep.

*Have a wonderful week everyone!*

**Valerie Winger**  
Owner/Publisher

## —Samantha's View—



By **Samantha Winger**  
Special to the Whitecourt Press

Good morning, Whitecourt! I hope you all had a wonderful start to your week; I know I have! I have definitely enjoyed walking to class in the crisp air with warm coffee; a very welcome change from the summer heat. Fall is finally here, or winter for those unlucky suckers in Calgary. Who doesn't love snow in September?

With the approaching cold winter months, I think we should all take a minute and think what we could do to help other families in our community. I don't think that accepting second-hand

clothes or other items is a synonym for "less fortunate." Children are always growing so chances are, they probably do not fit into their winter gear from last year. Not many people can afford to buy brand new clothes ever year; I know I can't. Cold winter mornings walking to school calls for warm winter jackets, and not everyone has a nice, warm jacket to call his or her own.

The Repeat Boutique welcomes donations so empty your closets and drop off a box! Jackets, gloves, and boots are always an option if you have a growing child. Chances are they'll fit someone somewhere! Not only does winter call for warm clothes, it also calls for Thanksgiving dinners as well as Christmas! Not everyone faces these holidays with excitement as they may be a large cause for stress in some families. Supporting a family is hard work, and budgeting for large family dinners and gifts on top of that can get pretty overwhelming. There are many food drives you can donate to over the holidays as well as churches that accept clothing and food items. Winter is full of family, wonderful friends, awesome gifts, and good meals. Giving is one of the most enjoyable parts of this season, so why not give something that really matters?

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## The Alberta 55+ Summer Games needs you

By **Susan Hofforth**  
Whitecourt Press

The Alberta 55+ Summer Games are held in our province every two years. There is one coming up next summer, July 16 - 19, 2015, in Strathmore. If you want to get involved, there's a lot of exciting things to do. The games are meant to encourage participation by older people, and support local businesses. They also aim to showcase 55+ people as role models and promote health and wellness across the province.

These games attract 1200 participants over the age of 55, who compete for 8 provincial zones. They also bring in 700 guests, 300 volunteers and score of visitors who make the week a success. There is every game you can think of. Sports and cultural events include track and field, bocce, 8-ball pool, curling, pickle ball, horseshoes, slo-pitch, swimming, cycling and tennis. And that's not all. There are less active sports like bridge, cribbage, and whist. The week also includes arts and crafts, and creative

writing events. As the website says, 'its' a mix of sport, competition and fun.'

Area resident Bob Miligan has been involved with the games as an athlete and a volunteer. He recently judged the 8-ball qualifiers, as well as having won the gold in that sport 5 times in the above 70 category. "Just because we are over 55, it doesn't mean that we want to wither — and I do mean wither — away," he said. "Most of us involved played all sports through our lives and we don't want to stop now."

Volunteers are needed. The Alberta 55+ group believes in the importance of sport and recreation, as it impacts the quality of life in the province. If you are looking for a way to bring life back into your years, then get involved next year. You won't regret it. The Alberta group is one of the largest and strongest in Canada and Zone 8, Peace Country, is the largest zone in the province. To get involved, email [info@2015strathmoregames.ca](mailto:info@2015strathmoregames.ca), or call 403-934-1580



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# Whitecourt town council update

Whitecourt Town Council has named the roadway running north from 41 Avenue to the new Winter Recreation Park site as "Roszko Lane". Roszko Construction has been an active and generous member of our community for many years, and recently made a significant contribution towards the development of the Winter Recreation Park by donating all of the heavy equipment, manpower, fuel/maintenance required to contour and landscape the site. The Winter Recreation Park Society requested that Council name the road leading to the Park "Roszko Lane" to show its appreciation to the company which has been instrumental in making the winter park a reality. The Winter Recreation Park is scheduled to open this December.

Council is gearing up for the 2015 Budget season. Council has scheduled a number of budget meetings over the next several weeks so that it can approve the 2015 Budget before the end of this year.

Sagitawah RV Park has requested that Council

extend its operating dates to May 1 to March 1 annually. Currently, the park operates from May 15 to October 15, and extended operating dates have been a concern due to the flood hazard, remoteness of the campground to community support services, lack of fire protection, and seasonal access road. The owners of Sagitawah RV Park have proposed a number of enhancements to the site that will meet these areas of concern.

Town Council has encouraged Sagitawah RV Park to proceed with the development permit process so that these issues can be addressed in more detail.

Representatives from the Swan Hills Treatment Centre attended the September 8 Council Meeting to inform the community that the facility is applying for a renewal to continue operations. The facility, operated by SENA Waste Services, processes hazardous waste

and is the only facility of its kind in Canada. Residents can learn more about the facility and its application for renewal at public meetings that will be scheduled in the coming weeks. Meeting dates will be advertised locally as well as on its website at [www.shct.ca](http://www.shct.ca).

The Whitecourt P.A.R.T.Y. (Prevent Alcohol and Risk-related Trauma in Youth) Program also made a presentation to Council to

review its successes of the past year and future plans. The program is in its 14th year of educating the community on the importance of making smart choices, and the main focus of the program continues to be the promotion of: Drive Sober, Buckle Up, Wear the Gear, Look First and Get Trained.

November is Family Violence Awareness Month, and the Whitecourt Family Violence Initiative will be

commemorating this by hosting the 3rd Annual Family Violence Awareness Dinner. The dinner will be held on Wednesday, October 1 and speaker David Pelzer will be sharing his story as a survivor of one of the most severe child abuse cases in California history. Tickets can be purchased for \$35 each at the Allan & Jean Millar Centre. For more information on the event visit [www.whitecourtfvi.com](http://www.whitecourtfvi.com).

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(1) Member - term to expire in October 2017

Applications outlining a brief history of any past community involvement and interests will be accepted until 12:00 noon, Wednesday, October 8, 2014, at:

Whitecourt Town Administration Office  
Attention: Darlene Ashcroft, Legislative Coordinator  
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Fax: 780-778-4166  
email: [darleneashcroft@whitecourt.ca](mailto:darleneashcroft@whitecourt.ca)

Applications will be presented to Town Council at the October 14, 2014 Regular Meeting.

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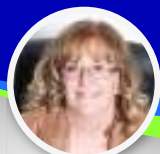
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## Getting older, wiser, healthier

By Susan Hofforth  
Whitecourt Press

Whitecourt is hosting the Getting Older, Wiser, Healthier Education and Trade Show on October 8. It's a day to focus on health and wellness issues for seniors.

Opportunities to learn about fraud prevention, Alzheimer's disease, advance health care planning, and other points of interest for seniors will be available on that day. The keynote speaker will be Colin MacLean, one of Alberta's best known

television and radio personalities. He worked over 35 years with the CBC and in that time interviewed many people of interest from all walks of life.

The event will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on October 8 at the Allan & Jean Millar Centre in Whitecourt. Registration is \$10 per participant. Call the Centre at 778-3637 by October 1 to register. If you are interested in booking a table for the trade show, call the same number.

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## Regional meeting scheduled to discuss the federal Temporary Foreign Worker Program

Whitecourt Mayor Maryann Chichak and Woodlands County Mayor Jim Rennie are excited to inform residents, and especially business employers and operators, of plans to assist those affected by the recent changes in the federal Temporary Foreign Worker (TFW) Program.

After numerous meetings with concerned employers in the area, both Mayors were frustrated by the lack of action taken throughout the province, and have scheduled several meetings to bring Alberta Mayors together to take action. On September 17, Mayors from across the region will meet in Whitecourt, along with representatives from regional Chamber of Commerce offices, to develop a plan for how the Temporary Foreign Worker Program can be improved which will then be pitched to the federal government.

"So often we hear elected officials criticizing another level of government due to frustration," stated Whitecourt Mayor Maryann Chichak. "We are extremely frustrated, but want to come up with a solution based strategy to share with our MPs on how the program can be amended in a way that will work for Alberta."

Both Mayors agree that the Temporary Foreign Worker Program worked well in this community. Both understand that the federal government changed the system to react to a small number of employers in other provinces; however, it was working in Alberta and both Mayors agree that it can and should be salvaged.

In partnership with the Whitecourt & District Chamber of Commerce, Whitecourt and Woodlands County are hosting a follow up meeting scheduled for October 3. Mayors, Chamber

representatives, and employers from across the region will be invited to attend and participate. MP Rob Merrifield has confirmed attendance, and other federal government representatives have been invited. The goal of this meeting is to present solutions developed by the group, and urge the MPs to take the information back to Ot-

tawa so that an Albertan solution can be devised. While both Mayors agree that Canadians should always be hired first, they have heard from local employers that there are not enough residents in the community to fill all the available jobs. Whitecourt and Woodlands County hope that by taking the lead, local employers

will be able to continue to provide services that area residents expect.

For more information, or for employers wishing to attend October 3, please contact Mayor Maryann Chichak at maryannchichak@whitecourt.ca or Mayor Jim Rennie at jim.rennie@woodlands.ab.ca.

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**MP Report**

by Hon. Rob Merrifield M.P.

Today, after fourteen years of serving as the Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, I am officially announcing my retirement from the

House of Commons, effective immediately.

I will be serving the people of Alberta in my new capacity as the Government of Alberta's Senior Representative to the United States of America. I am excited for this new challenge and to continue to build upon the relationships and contacts that I have made working as a congressional liaison and the Chair of the International Trade Committee.

I would like to thank my family – my wife Brenda and my sons,

Chad and Scott and their families – for the support they have given me throughout my time serving in Ottawa. Their love and our faith have been my steadfast strength during these last fourteen years and I know that these will continue into my new position.

I would also like to thank Prime Minister Harper and all of my colleagues in Government. Under our Government's leadership, Canada has become a nation known and envied around the

world for our economic performance and for our steadfast support of our allies. I am proud of what this Conservative Government has accomplished for the people of Yellowhead and all Canadians, and I look forward to seeing Yellowhead continuing to thrive under the strong leadership of Prime Minister Harper.

Thanks must also be given to my staff, past and present, in my offices in Edson and Whitecourt, as well as in Ottawa. Your hard work for the people of Yellow-

head has been unwavering and I appreciate everything that you have done to help me serve our constituency.

Lastly, thank you to the people of Yellowhead who elected me as your Member of Parliament in five consecutive elections. It has been a privilege to represent you in Ottawa and I have remained humbled and honoured by your support. It was not an easy decision to leave this position, but I made it knowing that you will continue to be looked after by our Government

in Ottawa and I trust that your next representative will likewise strive to be always worthy of your support.

I have been blessed during my time as your Member of Parliament and I pray for continued blessings in my new role with the Government of Alberta. Our province is a leader in our country, as our various industries continue to grow. I look forward to joining the Canadian team in Washington as we strive for continued success and prosperity for our great province.

**Cabinet changes**



**Keeping In Touch**

by George VanderBurg MLA

On Monday September 15th, Premier Jim Prentice put together a Cabinet that is smaller, more efficient; more focused and better able to defend the interests of Albertans.

The newly announced Cabinet has 16 Ministers and three Associate Ministers, in addition to the Premier, down from the 19 Ministers and 10 Associate Ministers that comprised the last cabinet. These appointments balance experience and fresh ideas.

I am very pleased to report that he has asked me to continue in the role of Chief Government Whip, a job that I have held for the last 10 months. I will continue to work closely with the Premier, Cabinet and Caucus members.

The Premier and members of Cabinet who are not sitting MLAs will

seek seats in by-elections. The Fall session will begin with a Speech from the Throne after the legislature is prorogued, and the Premier will introduce his property rights legislation as Bill 1, followed by the Accountability Act.

On September 17th Premier Jim Prentice announced the appointment of Hon. Rob Merrifield as Senior Representative to the United States of America, his position builds on his extensive experience representing Canada in America, most

recently as a Congressional Liaison for the Government of Canada and he will work to increase the sale of Alberta goods and services in the United States.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Rob Merrifield for his service to the people of Whitecourt-St. Anne and the Province of Alberta. I look forward to continuing to working with him in his new role as he works to achieve secure market access and improve Alberta's global competitiveness.

I'm thrilled to continue as Government Whip, and I am excited to continue working with, and for, you, the constituents of Whitecourt-St. Anne. More information on all the cabinet postings and changes can be found on the Government website at [www.alberta.ca](http://www.alberta.ca).

For more information on this news story,

please visit my website at [vanderburg.mypcmla.ca](http://vanderburg.mypcmla.ca). If you would like to discuss this, or any other provincial matter, please contact me toll free 1-800-786-7136, find me on Facebook or on Twitter at @MLAVanderBurg.

Keep in touch.  
George VanderBurg, MLA

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A look at the local weather	Tues., Sept. 23	Wed., Sept. 24	Thurs., Sept. 25	Fri., Sept. 26	Sat., Sept. 27
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## FROM THE FIREHALL 'Special needs' fire safety

By Susan Hofforth  
Whitecourt Press

In an emergency, don't forget about those who have difficulties. People who have a physical, visual, auditory or a non-visible disability may need extra planning and consideration in the event of a fire or other emergency situation.

Have extra equipment available to deal with emergency situations. In an emergency kit include medications and information about the kind of care the disabled person needs, and a list of medications that are needed for survival. If the person uses a wheelchair, the emergency kit should have whatever the wheelchair needs to keep running for the three days the emergency kit should last. Also, have a pair of heavy gloves to protect your hands in case the wheelchair has to roll over bro-

ken glass, and a pair of latex gloves for first-aid safety. A service animal also needs an emergency kit prepared with food and other necessities for the animal.

Everybody's home should be equipped with a smoke alarm, but for those with special needs it may be necessary to have an alarm with a flashing strobe light for the hearing impaired, or one with a low frequency alarm which can be more audible to some people.

When you are planning your escape route, make sure you take into account the reduced mobility of the person with disabilities, and take the time to practice it with everyone who will be aiding the person in need. A wheelchair, scooter, walker, crutch- es, and even a cane will

make escaping through a window impossible, so work out an escape route through the doors. Keep a spare wheelchair available near the escape route to facilitate movement.

You can help a person with mobility issues or a disabled person by watching and caring. If you know a person with special needs who lives in your apartment building, or near you, check on him or her in the evacuation. That person may not be aware of the emergency or they may not be able to get themselves out or call for help. Ask if they have reduced sensation in any area of their body that may need to be checked for injury.

Don't rush in and help, however. Ask first, and rely on them to tell you how you can help them best. Protect yourself by



not attempting medical techniques you are unfamiliar with, and always wear latex or

nitrile gloves when you help someone.

A person with special needs may need extra

help in an emergency and before an emergency. Make that person a priority.

## Boys & Girls Club news



By Cathy Branton  
Executive Director

The Boys & Girls Club of Whitecourt & District has been very busy this month! We have opened two After School satellite locations: one at Pat Hardy Primary School and one at Ecole St. Mary School, and we are still operating out

of the main location at Carlan Community Resource Centre. The After School Program is very busy and full of a variety of activities. Healthy snacks, sports, crafts, cooking, and science projects are some of the adventurous activities the children are involved in. The qualified staff members are cheerful and full of fun.

We offer a Before School Program for children allowing parents to drop their children off at the main club. We feed them breakfast, have a bit of play time, and then accompany them to the

bus stop at Hilltop High School so they can catch the school bus to their school.

Kindercare is a daily program for children aged four and a half and attending kindergarten at one of the schools. Our program complements the schools', and because we are open daily, we have kindergarten children arriving before their class, after their class, or on alternate days!

There is still room in all of our programs so if you need our help with childcare (government subsidy is available), please phone us!

## Successful market

The 4-Seasons market was a hit last weekend with 28 vendor booths.



Skye Kilmury brought Jamberry Nails to market goers.



A yummy table of almond butter crunch from Fraser Valley, [www.fraservalleygourmet.com](http://www.fraservalleygourmet.com).



Photos by Serena Lapointe Photography  
Outlaw Spice not only carries rubs but also decor and jewelery, all country themed.

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## Meeting with the mayor

By Marc Chayer  
Whitecourt Press

In recent weeks, I have given some thought to what our new mayor has been up to, and what she thinks of her new role on council and as the elected leader of our community. It goes without saying that moving from the position of councillor to the mayor's chair has to come with some challenges.

With that in mind, I decided to go out on a limb and try something new. This was my meeting with the mayor:

**Q - What did you find was the most surprising or exciting aspect of becoming mayor? What attracted you to the job?**

**A -** I wanted to become mayor to have the ability to be the point of contact for people in the community. I wanted the ability to make a difference not only in the town, but in people's lives. It has always been my first belief that, as an elected official, we have to maintain contact with those who trusted us in these roles. One of the things I utilize is social media. It's the world we live in now and I want to hear from people about what matters to them. I don't differentiate between big or small problems. In my mind, if someone comes to you via whatever method that suits him or her with a problem, it's part of my job to find an answer.

Secondly, as the mayor, I have found the challenges in working with the County, along with the Provincial and Federal Governments to be both rewarding and constructive. We have great relationships with all levels, and that allows us to work on issues together for the betterment of our town and region.

Since the new council was sworn in, we have enacted changes to the way we do business at council meetings of which I am proud of. Transparency in government at our level was something I promised and I am happy to say that we have achieved

that. We encourage each other to speak openly about issues; we respect the fact the other council members may not agree with everything that is decided. We now have recorded votes so our citizens can openly see the positions members of council took on an issue and, most importantly, we now have time allotted for public input to council whereas in the past, those submissions were left to the Polices and Priorities Committee.

It is a wonderful thing to have citizens come to council and speak to issues they feel need to be brought to our attention whether they be on that meeting's agenda or not. In my mind, this is the true essence of democracy at this level.

**Q - From a growth standpoint, where do you see Whitecourt in the next three years?**

**A -** Since 2011, we have seen consistent growth in town of about five per cent annually. With the resource-based industries in town flourishing, it is my expectation that this trend will continue. It should not surprise anyone to see a population growth in Whitecourt over that three-year period to (knocks on the door) be in the range of 20 per cent from where we are right now.

Of course, with that growth, we see some issues move to centre stage. Housing is at the top of that list.

We are working hard with developers to meet the housing demands the town faces not only today, but over the next few years. It is important that we have these plans in place so new businesses that look at Whitecourt as a regional leader have the homes that these companies will require for their staffing needs. Of course, as with most people, I do get frustrated when things don't happen as fast as we would like them to. As mayor, it is always the goal to get the solid commitments you are looking for but

as developers, they also face challenges that we see all over the province. Trades and skilled labour are hard to find and, in many cases, this is what slows us down in our efforts to get it done.

In the short term, we are hoping to make an exciting announcement in this area of which I am sure all residents will appreciate.

We have seen great sales on commercial land, expansion of our residential subdivisions, the Walmart expansion, and the downtown core continuing to become more vibrant. I am hoping that in three years, I see a downtown that will be short on space as many of the empty buildings you see now will have been long since leased with new shops in place.

**Q - What is the progress on the development of a new hospital?**

**A -** As you know, Marc, this is an issue of which I have long been an advocate for. The construction of a new hospital for this community is a high priority for me and my fellow members of council.

That being said, we have sent two letters to the province on this issue since this council was elected and we have had significant meetings with both Alberta Infrastructure and Alberta Health. We are engaged in the needs assessment process with them and, in keeping with the transparency that we promised, these discussions include stakeholders from within our community. Community groups, residents, the local medical community, and the Friends of Whitecourt are all part of the planning process.

We provide progress reports to the community about where we are with this and will continue to do so. I am convinced that the province is committed to building the new hospital but, at the same time, it has to be what we need not only now, but for the next 20 years. It is a challenge when you factor in the

growth of the community as well as the needs-specific groups.

**Q - It has been discussed in the past that Shell Canada may move into Whitecourt, how true is that?**

**A -** At this point in time, I can say that we have no formal commitment from Shell Canada. At the same time, I would also say that they are not the only people we speak to about economic development here in Whitecourt. A trip to Calgary was completed in January to meet with companies to show them what our community is about and what the quality of life is like here. It is something we should be proud of and it needs to be promoted on a regular basis. With that in mind, we also have to exercise some caution about what kind of development we are looking for and how fast it happens.

For those of us here already, we enjoy the standards we have created in our town and, with any growth, the challenge for council is to ensure we maintain that quality and not surrender it for the sake of growth.

The town is an attractive destination to business largely in part due to what and who we are. It is as important to the economic development of the town as is any other component you can point to and only through this balance can we be successful.

**Q - In the past, there has been frustration about the processes in the Planning and Development Department. How do you address this?**

**A -** Well, the first thing I would point out to people is that staff in the Planning and Development Department carries out the direction given to them by council through our bylaws. While hearing "no" can frustrate people, it also has to be understood that the staff doesn't have the latitude to change the laws on the fly.

Secondly, bylaws serve to ensure that what you do on your prop-

erty will not affect your neighbours or, perhaps, the other way around. The role of the Planning and Development Department is to ensure the plans are in place that will allow not only growth but, at the same time, a standard is maintained throughout the town.

We have all been to communities where the bylaws may not have been enforced or even enacted. When we visit these towns, we often leave with a less-than-desirable idea of what the place is like or whether we would ever want to live there. This is a fundamental aspect of the Planning and Development Department in Whitecourt. It serves to ensure that everything that happens with regard to development will only act to enhance our community and, hopefully, ensure that we won't have controversy about a development going into a place where it will affect those who live nearby.

Can we do better? Of course! We see the Land Use Bylaw as a living document that is in need of periodic review, especially considering the growth challenges we have now and in the future. In fact, this document, along with our Municipal Development Plan, is being updated as we speak.

**Q - What in your mind is the biggest issue facing council?**

**A -** Housing! We don't want development with a bottleneck on housing. It is as important an issue for council as anything else you might be able to think of. Now, while new houses are important, we also understand the other benefits that come with new houses; first, are the revenues they generate at the time of sale as well as by the people who move into them. These same people will buy their groceries here, their vehicles here, and so on.

As well, with people who leave one house for another, older properties become available to

those who, perhaps, are at a lower income bracket. It is important to us on council that everyone has housing they can afford within the town.

This is why housing in many forms is, I think, the most important issue we face over the foreseeable future.

**Q - Whitecourt: town or city... why or why not?**

**A -** When one takes a close look at the benefits to being incorporated as a town or a city, we don't see much in any kind of tangible benefits to make a change. A good example is Sherwood Park which is still considered a hamlet! It has not hurt their growth and, for the day-to-day goings on, it really does not affect their citizens one way or another.

Another consideration for us is the responsibility of Highway 43. With Whitecourt becoming a city, that stretch of highway within our corporate limits would become our responsibility to maintain. The costs associated with this would include maintenance on two bridges as well as how many kilometres of roadway? The costs would then have to be covered by someone which, in this case, would be our local ratepayers. As I said, I don't see a tangible benefit to changing from town to city and I would be reluctant to entertain a change with the costs involved.

**Q - If you could change anything right now, what would it be?**

**A -** Again, it would be the ability to deal with housing much faster than we have been able to at this point. More housing helps increase what is available for rent, and it opens older homes for young families to purchase. Simple supply and demand makes things happen for various segments of the population.

**Q - In the news, we hear a lot about infrastructure being challenged due to growth and natural events.**

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**How are we looking in this regard?**

A - On this point, I have to tell you that past councils have to be congratulated for the time and effort they spent on ensuring our systems in town could meet the challenges of growth within our community. Currently, we have the capacity to double the size of our population with the infrastructure that is in place. Past councils did an excellent job in making sure we had what we needed and they allocated the funds to make it happen.

At the same time we, as a community, offer over 300 programs of which many are free to our residents. The prior planning made by the past councils with regard to infrastructure have allowed us in the here and now to make these programs available. We have a new winter park coming online, and planning is underway for a performing arts centre, and a post-secondary facility. These are all in conjunction with the Skateboard Park, Rotary Park, and a number of other benefits to our community that we all enjoy.

These assets only serve to illustrate how effective the infrastructure is in town and, when one considers the growth we have seen to date, it is important to know that none of it is held up because of water or sewer issues.

**Q - Back to economic development, what do you see coming?**

A - Of course, we will continue on our road to build a new hospital; it is a fundamental factor in our growth and economic development as a regional centre. Secondly, we see a new school being built along with NorQuest College coming into town and a new performing arts centre.

Our challenge, as I said earlier, is to ensure we have manageable growth with the ability to work with all who want to come here. It is important to me as mayor as well as to the members on council, that we

maintain the dignity of our community as well as the quality of life for all residents including our seniors and children. Safe and clean streets are things we all enjoy and, with any development or growth plans, we have to ensure those key components are always in place.

**Note:**

*In my interview with Maryann Chichak, what I noted was her ease with the questions, and her passion for resolving the issues. Often times, we will see those elected stumble or hesitate to answer a question until a politically correct answer is thought out. With Maryann, this is simply not the case.*

*It was a refreshing experience to sit with one who believes what she says, is convicted in her beliefs as to the why and why not's, and who doesn't hesitate to tell you what her hopes for the community are.*

*One of the points she made early in the interview was her willingness to be accessible to those seeking answers. Of this I can attest; my request to meet with her was met with enthusiasm and with a full calendar. I was allotted all the time I needed to have my meeting with the mayor.*

**Business Profile**

**Whitecourt Welcomes Violet-Mae's Bakery**



Photos submitted

By Nerissa McNaughton  
Whitecourt Press

Lisa Reid and her husband have always enjoyed spending quality time in the kitchen baking. With Ken doing the breads and Lisa doing the rest of the baking, the couple frequented Newfoundland's flea markets with their delicious, homemade treats.

"We needed a change," Lisa explains of their reason for coming to Whitecourt in April and opening the bakery two months later in June. My husband was doing carpentry and we decided that opening a bakery would be better for both of us." Originally, the couple, who had relocated to Fort McMurray

planned to leave the busy city and open the bakery in Newfoundland. However, close friends Jeff and Susan Cran convinced them that Whitecourt desperately needed a bakery so they remained in Alberta instead. "Whitecourt is more to our liking," smiles Lisa.

So far the smell of fresh baked bread, cookies, and cakes has been a big hit in Whitecourt. "It's been good!" Lisa exclaims, noting that cheese buns and molasses raisin bread are among their patrons' favourites. "The carrot cake and banana bread - we can't keep those on the shelves!" The couple

is thinking of adding a lunch box menu that includes ready-made sandwiches and coffee. Also, be on the lookout for custom-order specialty cakes and cupcakes. Those will be available as soon as a decorator is located and hired.

Many people have asked to speak to "Violet-Mae", but as Lisa points out on the bakery's Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/violetmaesbakery](http://www.facebook.com/violetmaesbakery)), the name is a loving homage to two wonderful women: Violet, who is Lisa's mother and Mae who is Ken's mother. While both mothers have sadly passed on, Lisa and Ken know they would be so proud that their children made the dream of owning a bakery come true. In fact, if you purchase

a loaf of white bread you'll be enjoying Mae's special recipe - the same recipe she taught to Ken.

The couple extends heartfelt thanks to the people of Whitecourt for warmly welcoming them to town and for their continued support. Be sure to drive to 5107 - 50 Avenue where the smell of fresh bread will invite you in and the smiles of Ken and Lisa will make your day.

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**What's happening**

**Mondays:**

- Whitecourt AA - Monday at St. James Lutheran at 8:00 p.m.
- Whitecourt District AG Society - Directors meet at Westward community center on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

**Monday & Wednesday**

- Whitecourt Co-Ed Volleyball League 8pm - 10pm at Percy Baxter School for the season or drop in - adults only.

**Tuesdays:**

- Seniors Circle community bingo for everyone. Doors open at 6 p.m.

**Second Tuesday of month:**

- Oil Wives of Whitecourt meeting.

Call Marlene 780-778-4242.

**Third Tuesday of the month:**

- Whitecourt Lions Club Reg. Meetings are 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm. For more info call Ray at 780-778-4665 or Gerald at 780-778-3258.
- Whitecourt Community Choir. 7:30 p.m. at Whitecourt United Church. All skill levels. Adults 16 and over.

**Wednesday:**

- Whitecourt AA - at St. James Lutheran at 8:00 p.m.
- Whitecourt Fish and Game Assn. - Regular meetings run the 1st Wednesday of every month at Forestry Training Centre in Whitecourt.

- 2716 RCArmy Cadets meets every Wednesday now to June 6th Mayerthorpe Legion 7:00p.m to 9:00p.m ages 12-18 call Tammy at 780-785-4106.

**Every 2nd Wednesday:**

- Society of Whitecourt Arts Council 7.p.m. at ECHO Society Meeting Room. Contact Viviane at 780-706-0196.

**Thursdays:**

- Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) 9:00 a.m., United Church.

**Friday:**

- Whitecourt AA - at St. James Lutheran at 8:00 p.m.

**Church Services**

**St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church**  
Time: 9:00 a.m.

**St. Patrick's Anglican Church**  
10:30 a.m. Sunday

**Family Worship Centre**  
Time: 10:30 a.m.

**United Church**  
Hymm Sing 10:20 a.m. • Worship Time 10:30 a.m.

**St. James Lutheran Church**  
Time: 11:00 a.m.

**Whitecourt Baptist Church**  
Time: 10:00 a.m.

**Skyview Alliance Church**  
Time: 10:30 a.m.

**7th Day Adventist**  
(Church is held at St. Patrick's Anglican)  
Saturday's at 10:00 a.m.

**Hilltop Community Church**  
32 Whitecourt Avenue  
Time: 10:30 a.m.



## Whitecourt and Area Rant & Rave (Published with minimal editing)

The Whitecourt Press has no affiliation with rant and rave. We simply take a few clips from the rant and rave Facebook page.

**RANT:** Drivers not looking where they are going, especially when they have a bus full of kids. Sorry, but when I have to honk at you so you don't drive into me while looking the opposite way of where your vehicle is moving, I think you're doing something wrong. Someone needs to retrain you or you need to learn the simple concept of looking where you are going and also be reminded that the cargo you carry is just a little bit more important than whatever you were staring at. Not to mention that I had my own kids in my vehicle as well. The Pat Hardy parking lot is already a %\$#@ show without throwing stupidity into the mix.

**RANT:** My son forgot his coat at a pool in the locker. I went back to get it and it wasn't there. It's not hard to leave it or put it in the lost and found. Why steal a coat? Hopefully a parent out there will realize their boy has my sons coat and return it. But highly doubtful being it's a brand new coat!

**RAVE:** Whitecourt Stationery! They went over and above when they printed pictures for me. Thanks again!

**RANT:** To the teenage boys smoking a joint across from the catholic school on the sidewalk by the mailboxes, GO SOMEWHERE ELSE! My 9-year-old shouldn't have to walk through your smoke to get to school!

**RANT:** To the %\$#@ with a business who thought it was ok to dump their roofing garbage just off the Blue Ridge back road.



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## LockTalk



By Jason Kerr  
Special to the Whitecourt Press

As technology becomes more integrated with both our businesses and schools, tablets are making more appearances. Tablets are providing customers with more onsite interaction to products and in the classroom and are allowing diversity for educators. Now this is very cool but tablets are not cheap so the question becomes how to keep them safe and not have them walk off.

To help us out with this is Lenovo ThinkPad Lock system and their



line of tablet securing devices and here is a bit of how that is done.

The new Tablet Security Stand is compatible with all the leading tablets 7 inches or more from the top brands.

The new Tablet Security Stand's compatibility makes it the ideal fit for any display setting whether it's a retail store, corporate office, school lab, VIP lounge or even as an addition to

your personal home entertainment system.

The simplified design still has its unique features that distinguish it from the cluttered pack of tablet stands on the market. Positioned at a 45 degree angle for optimal viewing with an open back design to fit the locking point and security cable, the stand has a patented balance stabilizer that serves as a cable trap to keep your

locks in order and from being stolen.

It is made of high grade aluminum construction with a sleek black finish that will compliment your device's design and style. Lightweight, but still extremely durable so the metal won't bend or warp and can withstand any attempt to pry from its moorings.

With several model options to choose from you make keep your tablet safe while providing your customers or classroom with some great interaction.

To see all that Lenovo Lock does check out their web page at [www.lenovolock.com](http://www.lenovolock.com)

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## Resilience: A vital human attribute



By Gwen Randall-Young  
Special to the Whitecourt Press

*"Life consists not in holding good cards but in playing those you hold well."* Josh Billings

Resilience: the power of springing back, readily recovering. Resilience is an attribute which, if

we do not already have, we would do well to develop. As much as we hope our lives will be blessed and free of setbacks, reality often has other plans.

We learned this lesson early, with our first bike. Naturally, we had a few spills but we kept getting back on and trying again. Even once we had mastered the technique, we knew that a bump on the road or a moment's inattention could find us on the pavement. We accepted that risk. The alternative would be to sit on the curb watching

others have fun.

Life has a way, sometimes, of upsetting our plans or collapsing our vision of how we thought things would be. It may be the loss of a loved one, a divorce, the loss of a job or a friendship, or a loss of health.

Of course, we need to take the time to grieve our loss, but we must not let it define us. In the back of our minds we need to tell ourselves that, while it might be hard to imagine now, we will one day move on.

Life can still be good, even if it is different. We can still find happiness even if it is not the way we thought it would be.

We all have the ability to be resilient. However, we must consciously choose to access that power. Life is what it is, but resilience can alter its quality.

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**It is what it is...**



By Marc Chayer  
Special to the Whitecourt Press

Give it a minute and it will change!

This phrase for us in Whitecourt is usually for when we discuss the weather. This week, though, the phrase is more aptly applied to who is representing us both at the federal and provincial levels.

First and foremost, we had the swearing in of the new premier Jim Prentice whose election as the leader of the Alberta PC's was as near a certainty as one can expect in the world of politics. He had the overwhelming support of Conservative MLAs in the Legislature and was the only candidate running who had no Redford connection.

The provincial PC Party is nothing without its sense of self-preservation. You don't

stay in power as long as it has without knowing when to find some solid ground. For what it was worth, Prentice represented solid granite to the rank and file Conservatives after the Stelmach and Redford experiments.

His selection of cabinet ministers was again a whole other thing. We saw two ministers sworn in who are not elected to the hallowed halls of the legislature. Former Edmonton Mayor Stephen Mandel took the post of Health Minister while Gordon Dirks took over the Education portfolio. These two portfolios, as you may recall, were both high visibility areas under Redford and, with two unelected individuals now heading those departments. I think we will see some interesting things.

Closer to home, Robin Campbell, the MLA out of Edson took the Finance Minister's job. This one got my attention. Mr. Campbell once said to me in a meeting that 80 per cent of the provincial economy came from north of Edmonton. I hope he remembers that in his budgets! As far as Horner

goes, we all know that he had no hope of keeping the post. Had he remained Finance Minister, Prentice would have been discredited before he even walked into the office and the opposition would have had a field day with it, as so they should.

Our own MLA was left off the promotions list even with a resume which includes past duties as Minister of Seniors, Government Services, Acting Minister of Innovation and Science, as well as Associate Minister of Seniors. In his 13th year of service at the Legislature, George has been nothing but a loyal Conservative but this time around Prentice had eyes elsewhere. Couple that with the fact that there are 10 fewer Ministers with Prentice as opposed to the 30 Ministers that existed under Redford and the field gets awfully tight real fast.

Now, with some of these key appointments in place we, here in Whitecourt, immediately begin speculation on how this might help us overall

but specifically with a new hospital/health care centre.

Stephen Mandel, a former municipal mayor who, at one time, was being considered as a possible candidate for the PC leader's job has a long and glorious history of sitting on the municipal side of the table trying to get funds out of the provincial coffers. Now, as Minister of Health, I would think we may have a sympathetic ear.

Insofar as the money to pay for it, well, we have Mr. Campbell out of Edson putting together a budget. Now he understands what a new hospital means to a community and is knowledgeable in the processes involved. After all, there is a nice new hospital going up in Edson even as we speak.

This should all bode well for us one would hope. Mandell has

already alluded to the fact that he wants to see a "decentralization" of the provincial health care system. "...move the decision-making back down to the people who need to make those decisions so they don't have to go up another level."

Well, Stevie, move over cause we got us an easy decision to make. Yup, a new hospital will be just fine, thank you!

Now, if all this was not enough, the stalwart of our representatives, Mr. Merrifield, announced his retirement from the federal scene to join the Alberta Government as its senior rep in Washington, DC. This is, in my opinion, a great choice by Prentice. Rob Merrifield understands the Yanks and, more importantly, he understands the nature of what keeps this province moving. It also makes for

a cool movie idea from the farm on Flats Road in Woodlands County to the US capital. Our boy has surely grown up, Ma!

Give it a minute and it will change, **no kidding!**

I sincerely hope that Jim Prentice and his new cabinet do the things they are capable of. There is some great talent on that team. Adding Rob Merrifield to work with him in promoting this province is a solid move as well but, Rob, as you meet with the premier, maybe drop the hint that a new hospital should be in the next budget for Whitecourt; you know, just like Edson.

It is what it is...



• Use club soda on a damp rag to wipe down

your stainless-steel sink. It will help bring back the shine.

• "My mother swears by wrapping her feet in a vinegar-soaked rag once a week to soften calluses. She does this before her bath, and uses a pumice stone to rid her heels of hardened spots on the skin. It seems to work for her, so I thought I would pass it on!" -- C.D.

• "Peppermint is a wonderful cure for indigestion. To make a quick peppermint tea, use a rolling pin to smash three to four peppermint candies. Add them to a glass of water and microwave for a minute and a half. Stir to melt the candies

completely, and drink slowly." -- G.L.

• "With schools back in session again, I would like to encourage dads to come and visit their child's classroom. We have lots of volunteers, but never as many as we need. We love for dads to be involved. I have been a teacher for many years, and although fathers have become much more involved than they used to be, we still need their presence in the classroom." --- T.L.

• "Save on children's clothes by buying after-season. Summer and winter clothes can be purchased a size or two ahead for next to nothing." -- M.M.

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# Bullycide

## Children who committed suicide due to bullying



Matthew Jones

Age 17

*Roughly one in five youth are bullied. Over half of adolescents have been the target of cyber bullying. Youths who are bullied are five times more likely to suffer from depression than youths who are not bullied. Boys who are bullied are four times more likely to be suicidal. Girls who are bullied are eight times more likely to be suicidal. Suicide is the third leading cause of death for youth. These are the faces of our sons, daughters, sisters, brothers, nieces, nephews, grandsons and granddaughters.*

*These are the faces of our youth, our loved ones, who were bullied; who were bullied to the point where their pain felt unbearable and they ended their lives. Being bullied leaves young people with overwhelming feelings of despair, humiliation, and hopelessness. If even one child ends their life due to the pain of being bullied, that is one child too many.*

## Photo of the week



"HARVEST MOON"  
Photo Dean Williams

Final supermoon of 2014 snapped between Fox Creek and Valleyview.

## Opportunities ahead for the transport industry

By Susan Hofforth  
Whitecourt Press

One of its sponsors, Whitecourt Transport, is very excited about the upcoming Career and Education Expo. The one-day event is designed to give people in Whitecourt, especially the youth, an idea of the potential for careers that Whitecourt has now and will grow into in the future. Dave MacNevin of Whitecourt Transport believes this is just what the trucking industry needs. "We need to attract more qualified candidates into the industry," he said. "There's a global shortage of truck drivers. The jobs are definitely there."

MacNevin said that trucking has short-changed itself in the career market in the past. "It has never been anybody's first-choice career," he said, adding that the image of being 'just a dumb truck driver' prevails, and that men in their 50s are still the industry's main demographic. However, today, instead of being a fallback career, trucking has evolved into a high-tech industry, making it perfect for today's more technology-driven youth. Computers are now needed to run the

trucks and are used for tracking shipments, and there is much more potential for career growth once the trucker is ready to move out of the driver's seat.

"The truck driving career has under-rated its importance to the world, and the shortage of drivers is going to become a serious, world-wide problem," said MacNevin. "A shortage of truck drivers means a shortage of food on the tables."

As a career, truck driving is fun and it pays well. There is work all year round. There is also variety in the choice of driving. If you want to be home every night for dinner, work for the regional carriers is as plentiful as it is for the more adventurous long-distance drivers. In other words, there is tons of work there, and there will be for a very long time.

Whitecourt Transport will be showcasing its profession at the Career and Education Expo 2014 at the Allan & Jean Millar Centre on September 29. They will have a truck in the parking lot with a satellite computer and anyone who wants to can check it out. Come and see what the path ahead looks like from way up in the cab of a transport truck.

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# Mulcair and the NDP Party are pulling at the threads of Canada's economy again



By Laura Bohnert  
Whitecourt Press

With the impending election in the works and the overflow of political rhetoric spewing forth the ever-assuring campaigns at full blast, Canada is in the midst of that promise-ridden courting stage in the political attempt to accumulate those all-important voters, but how effective would these promises be if they actually came into fruition?

Tom Mulcair's promise to put the federal minimum wage increase to a vote is at the top of the list when it comes to questioning the applicability of these politically motivated suggestions and guarantees.

In theory, it sounds like a great idea. What better way to eradicate the household debt, as Mulcair suggests, and to re-invoke those long-lost middle class jobs than to increase minimum wage to above poverty level.

The NDP leader's plan involves starting minimum wage at \$12-an-hour, whereby it will gradually be raised with the expectation of reaching \$15-an-hour by 2019. Of course, this would only affect federal jobs including banks, phone services, mining, and broadcasting (to name a few); but the expectation is that this would inspire the rest of the job market to follow suit.

But could this move actually make a difference in terms of the ever-increasing shakiness of the Canadian economy?

If, in principle, the concept seems problematic, in practice it might even be disastrous. To exemplify, let's consider how the Canadian economy actually looks: we have a lot of businesses

closing -- small businesses for the most part, but there are also a lot of chains closing down in specific locations or collapsing completely (Zellers, for instance). Big box stores and many corporations are already facing cutbacks (including corporations like Bell and Eastlink -- even Statistics Canada is facing some significant cutbacks and restructuring), industry is rapidly disappearing in Canada and dispersing to regions like China for more cost-effective processing, etc. We are unsustainably depending on both renewable and non-renewable resources, and let's not forget how far in debt the Canadian government is.

So the question is, where is the money to boost minimum wage going to come from?

Even at the federal level, it seems problematic to suggest an increase of \$2-an-hour per employee across the entire country when the entire country is still reeling from a recession and attempting to cope with it through employee cutbacks. Is there a government pool of funding sitting somewhere that is going to bolster this program? Is that what Alberta is going to use its Heritage Trust Fund for? Or, maybe, that money is going to come out of the pockets of all the government officials who've been discovered in their financial scandals of late.

Either way, in order to sustain an increased minimum wage, companies are going to have to raise the prices of their products and services which, in turn, perpetuates the poverty cycle. In fact, it might even make it worse. Minimum wage employees will still barely be scraping by, and the increase in the cost of goods and services (factoring in, also, the ever-increasing cost of fuel) will make it that much more difficult for those who are still struggling to hold onto their dwindling middle-class

jobs to be able to afford the now more-expensive necessities. Wouldn't that mean more of the population would be forced down towards the poverty level?

Doesn't anyone have any better suggestions for

how to solve this problem? Maybe we need to re-evaluate the amount of taxes the middle and lower classes are forced to pay? Or, maybe, our branch-plant economy isn't working anymore; maybe we need to abol-

ish free trade so it will once again be more cost effective to produce and manufacture our own products in our own country. If we are pushing to have a sustainable and healthy economy, shouldn't it be a self-

sustaining one anyway, where Canada doesn't have to depend on other countries for everything? And, wouldn't that bring back those middle class jobs for which we're so desperately trying to compensate?

## Prentice sworn in and abolishes new plate design

By Laura Bohnert  
Whitecourt Press

How close is Alberta to getting the economic overhaul it needs?

Things are suddenly looking very promising for Alberta. The scandal-ridden Cabinet is getting an abrupt overhaul and expensive, politically-motivated programs like the license plate redesign campaign are being scrapped, but is Alberta's new management regime going to hold up long enough to make the difference it promises?

On Monday, September 15, Jim Prentice was sworn in as Alberta's 16th premier in Edmonton, and with him came the promise of a completely new Cabinet.

"As of this moment," Prentice announced to the party members and reporters who were gathered at Government House for the ceremony, "Alberta is under new management."

Prentice wasn't simply referring to the overhaul of members, either: "This is a new Progressive Conservative government," he emphasized, "with new leadership, new voices, and with a new way of doing things."

The new Cabinet is structured for 10 fewer members than that which was held under former Premier Alison Redford's regime: instead of 30 members it will now consist of 20, which already looks promising for an economy that is seeing employment cutbacks in almost every sector outside the political zone.

On top of the Cabinet's downsizing there has been an overhaul of members. In fact, only

five Cabinet positions remain unchanged. Other ministers were shifted into new portfolios, and many of the high-profile members were dropped (a few of whom were notably affiliated with the Redford era).

The party is focusing on ensuring key issues that can be handled more efficiently and effectively including the issue of decentralizing Alberta's healthcare system.

And Prentice has already implemented a few changes since being sworn in. On Tuesday, September 16, in his first act after being sworn into Cabinet, Prentice declared his intention to sell the government's controversial fleet of airplanes -- those which former Premier Alison Redford had used (or rather misused) for personal and partisan purposes as well as for pricey international flights.

According to Budget 2014, running the planes this year would have cost taxpayers \$7.1 million. Instead, officials will be expected to fly Economy within province and in Business Class on 'long-haul flights'. RFPs (request for proposals) will have to be filed by officials to calculate "the best overall value to access communities where the distance is too far to drive or commercial flights are not available," states Prentice, and any travel requiring a charter plane "will have to be approved by the premier's office."

Implementing restrictions on governmental airline use may be a budget-friendly way to prevent the financial scandal that is becoming all too common among

government officials, and Prentice is making government expenditure a focus for improvement in terms of more than just the airplane controversy.

On Thursday, September 18, Prentice made the decision to abandon Alberta's license plate redesign, an issue that was not just controversial in terms of its concept, but which would also have been unnecessarily expensive.

The license plate redesign project was brought out in July when Albertans were able to vote on a new license plate design that would replace the red and white "Wild rose country" plates. The entire project had the suspiciously distinct undercurrent of a political agenda, and a lot of citizens were frustrated by the fact that local designers weren't even invited to submit a design.

As Prentice reports, "Albertans have spoken very clearly that the priorities they have identified are health, education, and taking care of seniors [and] infrastructure. Changing the design of Alberta's license plates is not amongst those priorities."

This all sounds promising, right? Some very apparent steps are being taken to address issues that have been ongoing within the Alberta government for quite some time. However, Albertans aren't too sure that the changes Prentice is advocating are going to be enough to make him as distinct from previous PC leaders as he declares himself to be.

Prentice has a long way to go to do that. He and his two unelected

Cabinet members still need by-elections and, according to political scientist Duane Bratt, Prentice has a lot of progress to make before he'll have even a remote chance in the next election: "What he'll need to do is balance the budget," Bratt declares. "He has to make progress on the pipelines, and he'll have to be scandal-free for a year and a half."

At this point, Prentice's hefty promises aren't enough to convince Albertans that this party is going to be as new and progressive as it claims it will be. Talk, after all, is cheap. He's going to have to fulfil a good number of those promises before he'll gain confidence, and he's already piled an awful lot onto his plate.

### **Social Media Comments:**

- It was a huge waste of money. If he spends that money on health or education then it's fine with me.

- Seems like all this, plus keeping the Michener Center open in Red Deer, is all for publicity to make people happy with the PC party again. They know once there's another election they're gone. Trying to FINALLY please the people by listening to them when for the last how many years they haven't cared what the people wanted or said.

- I don't trust him. I like the decisions but it's ill intended.

- I like what he's doing right now, but I don't think it's going to do much to bring the PCs back in favour with Albertans. We need a change that's been overdue for how many years now?

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF WOODLANDS COUNTY**

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Please note that the deadline for submission of the survey is **September 30, 2014**.

**DISCRETIONARY USE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS**

The Municipal Planning Commission will be making a decision on the following development permit applications as per the Woodlands County Land Use Bylaw at a meeting on **Wednesday, October 2, 2014 at the Woodlands County Municipal Office in Whitecourt, Alberta at 7:00 p.m.** If you have any comment or concern regarding these proposals, you may provide a written statement to the undersigned by 4:30 p.m. on September 24, 2014 or you may attend the meeting.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION	DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION NUMBER	PROPOSAL
Pt. SW 36-59-13-W5M Lot 12, Plan 962-3310	15-127-2014	Setback Variance - deck
Pt. SE 24-59-13-W5M	15-129-2014	Fire Suppression Pond

*Please note that the meeting date has been changed from October 1 to October 2.*

*Please note the following Development Permit Application has been deferred to a later date: yet to be determined.*

Pt. NE 32-56-10-W5M	15-112-2014	Variance - Accessory building siting in front of principal dwelling
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Information regarding these applications may be obtained by inquiring at the noted address.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BYLAW 446/14 - AMENDING WOODLANDS COUNTY LAND USE BYLAW 407/13**

PLACE	DATE	TIME
Woodlands County Municipal Office Whitecourt, AB	Tuesday, October 7, 2014	7:30 p.m.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 692 of the Municipal Government Act the Council of Woodlands County is considering an application for amendment to Land Use Bylaw 407/13, by making the following amendment through proposed Bylaw 446/14;

**Re-zoning of SW 17-59-12-W5M from CR Country Residential District to CRB Country Residential Business District for the purpose of future subdivision of residential lots that will allow a business component as a permitted use.**

Written comments on the above proposed bylaw amendments may be provided **prior to October 2, 2014** to: Woodlands County Box 60 Whitecourt AB T7S 1N3 Attention: Joan Slootweg, Subdivision Officer

Or interested individuals may attend the public hearing.

The proposed land use amendment application and amending bylaw may be reviewed during regular business hours at the Woodlands County Municipal Office in Whitecourt located at #1 Woodlands Lane.



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- Subdivision and Development Appeal Board - 5 vacancies
- Woodlands County Community Services Committee - 4 Vacancies (2- adult & 2 youth)
- Woodlands County Library Board - 2 vacancies (3 year term)

All Positions will now be held for a two year period from November 1, 2014 to October 31, 2016, unless noted otherwise with appointments being made at the Woodlands County Organizational meeting.

Detailed information with respect to the positions may be obtained by contacting the Woodlands County Municipal Office in Whitecourt at (780) 778-8400 or toll-free at 1-888-870-6315. Honorariums are paid for meetings attended in accordance with Policy 1905 - Travel, Subsistence, and Honorariums.

Letters of interest and/or resumes and experience will be received until **12:00 (Noon) on Thursday, October 16, 2014** and can be delivered, faxed, mailed or e-mailed to:

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**WOODLANDS COUNTY LAND USE AMENDMENT APPLICATION RESULTS:**

The following Land Use Amendment Applications and subsequent bylaws were reviewed on September 16, 2014 at the regular Council meeting as further outlined below;

APPROVED - LAND USE AMENDMENT APPLICATION 2014LUA05/BYLAW 439/14 – Pts. NW 18-59-18-W5M rezoning from FO – Forestry District to NRE-DC Natural Resource Extraction Direct Control District.

APPROVED - LAND USE AMENDMENT APPLICATION 2014LUA06/BYLAW 440/14 – Pts. NE/NW 18 & Pt. SE 19-59-18-W5M rezoning from FO – Forestry District to NRE-DC Natural Resource Extraction Direct Control District.

APPROVED - LAND USE AMENDMENT APPLICATION 2014LUA07/BYLAW 441/14 – Pts. NE/SE 19 & Pt. NW/SW 20-59-18-W5M rezoning from FO – Forestry District to NRE-DC Natural Resource Extraction Direct Control District.

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PLACE	DATE	TIME
Woodlands County Municipal Office Whitecourt, AB	Tuesday, October 7, 2014	7:30 p.m.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 692 of the Municipal Government Act the Council of Woodlands County is considering an application for amendment to Land Use Bylaw 407/13, by making the following amendment through proposed Bylaw 446/14;

**Re-zoning of SE 30-58-11-W5M from CR Country Residential District to A2 Agricultural Two District for the purpose of change in permitted and discretionary uses.**

Written comments on the above proposed bylaw amendments may be provided **prior to October 2, 2014** to:

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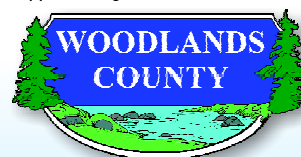
Decisions have been made regarding the following development permit applications:

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION	LOCATION	PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT	DECISION	DATE OF DECISION
15-114-2014	Pt. S 31-59-12-W5M Lot 6, Block 5, Plan 082-5617	Quonset & Seacan	Approved with conditions	Sept 17, 2014
15-116-2014	Pt. SW 36-59-13-W5M Lot 22, Plan 972-3570	Transport Contractor Business (Major)	Refused with conditions/reasons	Sept 17, 2014
15-121-2014	Pt. NW 13-59-13-W5M Plan 942-2480	Transport Contractor	Approved	Sept 17, 2014
15-128-2014	Pt. NW 6-59-10-W5M Lot 5, Block 2 Plan 082-8789	Accessory Building - Shed	Approved with conditions	Sept 16, 2014
15-130-2014	Pt. NW 31-58-11-W5M Lot 1, Block 2 Plan 122-4644	Single Family Dwelling and garage	Approved with conditions	Sept 16, 2014

Any person affected by these decisions may appeal to the Secretary of the Development Appeal Board by forwarding a written appeal along with a \$200.00 fee to the address listed below, prior to **4:30 p.m. October 8, 2014**:

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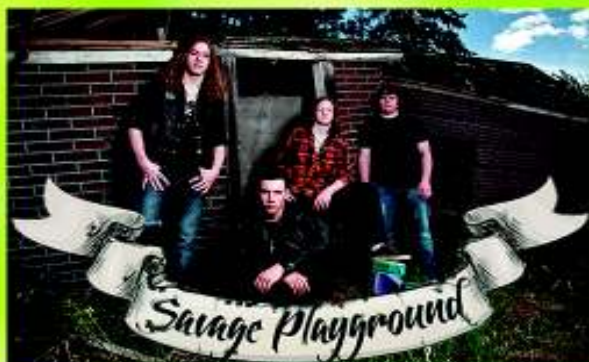
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Blue Ridge Community League







## Schedule of Events

### Sunday:

Breakfast is \$5 and available from 9am-11am.  
 Light lunch available all afternoon with sandwiches \$5 and homemade pie for \$4!  
 Held at the Blue Ridge Community Hall ( Hwy 658 -Main Street).

### Sunday Indoor Stage Schedule:

Indoor stage in Blue Ridge Community Hall

9:00 am .....	Doors open
10:00 am .....	Musician sings O'Canada. Dignitaries welcome last day of events.
11:00 am .....	Olivia Rose
12:00 pm .....	Local Dance Performers
1:00 pm .....	Tama Neilene
2:00 pm .....	Steven Sware
3:00 pm .....	Closing Ceremony & End of Event

### Sunday 1 - 3 pm Writer Showcase:

The Blue Ridge Library will host a local writer showcase with readings throughout the weekend event. Local writers will share some of their personal stories with the audience, and invite comments and questions. This group has been meeting for a number of years, they encourage each other to record their experiences and offer friendly feedback to inspire their friends. Ken Blacklock is a member of the group, he'll perform a smattering of his 'quick draw' Cowboy Poetry as well. If you have ever wanted to try writing and/or storytelling, these folk are the ones to motivate you. We welcome other writers or stories or poems to share as well- just join the session. All ages are welcome, you can drop in or settle in for the event.

**Children's Area:** Expect a free activity area including bouncy castles, cotton candy, popcorn and more at the Berry Nice Spray Park. Saturday & Sunday. (Weather permitting)

**Sunday Show & Shine:** Sponsored by WSI (Warehouse Services Inc.) Free outdoor event promoted through all local automotive shops. Sunday Event held at the Spray Park Parking lot. (Weather permitting)

**Market Area:** As a showcase for local artisans, crafts people, agribusiness and food ventures, the indoor and outdoor market areas bring culture, commerce and community together in a unique and sustainable manner for the weekend.

Vendors include:  
 Local Artists & Crafts People including Mystic Wild Craft  
 Organizations including The Blue Ridge Historical Society and the Alberta Forest Products Association  
 Local Businesses including Blue Ridge Lumber and Classic Furniture Gallery  
 Home Based Businesses including Kanda Creations  
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### Food:

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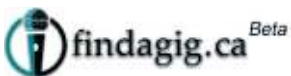
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## —Cats in action—



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## One out of two ain't bad



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See page 25 for Wolverines game results.

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# Comments from last Friday's Wolverines game



**Soren**  
The game was fantastic, but the Wolverines lost.



**Ty**  
I don't think the Wolverines did so well against the Saints. Not such a big shocker right now.



**Tyson**  
Game was awesome, but the Wolverines lost.

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*Last Wednesday's game the Wolverines defeated the Sherwood Park Crusaders 4-1 and on Friday the Wolverines were defeated by the Spruce Grove Saints 4-0.*



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**Kelsey Drosse**

He's in by default so we'll see how he handles the position.



**Gina Oldford**

After the mess Alison Redford made he should have no problem doing a good job.



**Trish Zavisha**

He's a typical PC, it's the same old again and the PC's know they've lost Albertans trust.



**Dave Hutchison**

He's only the premier until the next election.



**Skye Kilmury**

He has a big job ahead of him because so much trust was lost thanks to Redford.

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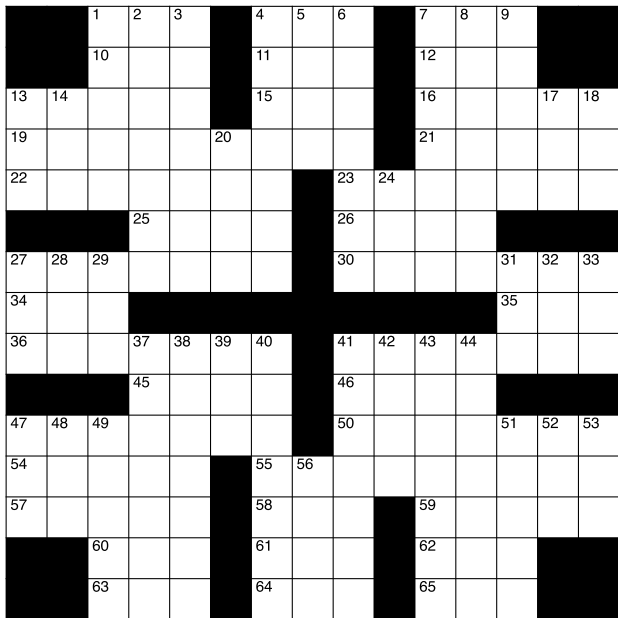
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**CLUES ACROSS**

1. Time unit (abbr.)
4. Semiliquid infant food
7. Pacific Standard Time
10. Unitary
11. Brew
12. Language of Laos
13. Higher up
15. Toupee
16. A love affair
19. Exaggerated emotional play
21. Hadith
22. Used to one's advantage
23. Ancient Persian governors
25. Surrender possession
26. Carbamide
27. Can't move
30. \_\_\_ Institute, Santa Barbara
34. Helps little firms
35. Consumed
36. Plural of index
41. Of the African desert
45. Part in a play
46. Famous British School
47. Paragon of chivalry
50. Given
54. Set to end
55. Daily TV drama
57. Line used to haul up leeches
58. Product of human creativity
59. Equip with weapons again
60. Car mechanics group
61. \_\_\_ Bo - martial arts exercise
62. Computer key for cancelling
63. Outcome
64. Doctor of Education
65. Ethiopia (abbr.)

**CLUES DOWN**

1. Slang for money
2. Itemized bill
3. Pine leaves
4. Processions
5. Medical astringent
6. Winged horse
7. Wall & ceiling coating
8. Japanese warrior
9. Chinese mahogany genus
13. Doctors' group
14. Am. soprano \_\_\_ Sills
17. Atomic #105 symbol
18. British astronomy org.
20. Interpret
24. Something curved in shape
27. The 23rd Greek letter
28. Airborne (abbr.)
29. Radioactivity unit
31. Golf score
32. School organization
33. 1/100 yen
37. A citizen of Iran
38. Treated with indulgence
39. \_\_\_ Lilly, drug company
40. Sensory
41. Calmed by drugs
42. At the peak
43. Esteemed recipient
44. Reverse dactyl
47. Drinking establishment
48. Shower month (abbr.)
49. Rental contract
51. Educate
52. Make a mistake
53. Obstruct water
56. Toward the mouth

*Crossword solution on page 37*

**DEAR ABBY**

by Abigail Van Buren

**Mother battles her own fears while raising happy daughter**



**DEAR ABBY:** I had an awful childhood. After I was finally taken into state custody, I cycled through six different foster homes. Because of it I have struggled with mental health issues for as long as I can remember.

I'm 28 now and have a 4-year-old daughter who is everything to me. The problem is, I'm terrified of strangers. As a child I saw firsthand how evil people can be, and I am almost paralyzed with fear because of my hyper-vigilance. I fight the battle every day.

I am in counseling and I'm trying, but I am afraid I am going to make my daughter fear the world. She's in Head Start and loves it. Anyone who meets her comments on how happy and outgoing she is, but I don't know how to walk the tightrope between keeping her safe and making her afraid. Any advice would be appreciated. -- **TERRIFIED OF STRANGERS**

**DEAR TERRIFIED:** Considering your past, I think you're being a wonderful mother. You are getting professional help and for that I applaud you. You are realistic about your issues,

and your daughter appears to be thriving.

You may need counseling for some time to avoid becoming overprotective and to allow your daughter to develop into a healthy adult. While your fears are the result of your history, they do not have to become a part of hers.

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**DEAR ABBY:** As I was going through my gallery of pictures in my cellphone, I stumbled upon some naked pictures of my ex-boyfriend. What should I do with them? -- **SAY "CHEESE"**

**DEAR "CHEESE":** Do the same thing with them that you would hope he did with the naked pictures he has of you.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I grew up in the lap of luxury at a private country club in the East. My father was the golf pro. In my teens I noticed that these wealthy people always introduced one acquaintance to another whenever they met for a chat. I also noticed that my lower-income friends and family never did.

After moving across the country to the West

Coast as an adult, I have noticed that nobody -- rich or poor -- seems to go out of their way to introduce a new face to others in the room. What would you say accounts for this? -- **DONNA**

**DEAR DONNA:** A person can't do what he or she hasn't been taught. During the 1960s, many parents stopped teaching their children social refinements like the one you describe. The result has been a lack of sensitivity in social interactions, and it is evident in more ways than this one.

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**DEAR ABBY:** A few weeks ago I began using a name other than my given name. It's one I made up and used during pretend games when I was a child, so it's personally significant.

A friend recently told

me that because it is a common Japanese name, it is culturally inappropriate for me to use it because I am not Asian. It is also a name in Hebrew, German and Ancient Egyptian, as I recently learned. Is it wrong for me to use the name? -- **THE NEW "ME"**

**DEAR NEW "ME":** No, it's not. You can call yourself any name you wish. Many parents have given their child a name from another culture because they liked the sound of it, and you don't have to make any apologies for changing yours.



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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

**WORDS**

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|-------------|---------------|
| ACADEMIC    | INCLUSION     |
| ACHIEVEMENT | INTEGRATED    |
| ADVANCEMENT | MANIPULATIVES |
| ASSESSMENT  | PEERS         |
| BENCHMARKS  | PERFORMANCE   |
| BILINGUAL   | PHONICS       |
| CAMPUS      | PLACEMENT     |
| CERTIFIED   | PORTFOLIO     |
| CHARTER     | PROFESSOR     |
| CREDENTIALS | PUPIL         |
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| DISTRICTS   | RUBRIC        |
| EDUCATION   | SCHOOL        |
| ENRICHMENT  | STAFF         |
| GIFTED      | STANDARDS     |
| GRADES      | TENURE        |
| GROWTH      | TEST          |
| IMMERSION   | TESTING       |

*Word Search solution on page 37*

# —Operational incentives for nonprofits—



Charities operate to service individuals or groups in need. While many charities are nonprofit organizations, such organizations still have operational costs, such as renting commercial space and paying employees. But those interested in starting their own nonprofit organizations should realize there are certain financial incentives to such endeavors.

Tax breaks and other incentives vary from state to state and country to country, but nonprofit organizations are often eligible for such relief. Attorneys who specialize in tax law and nonprofit operations can help prospective nonprofit startup owners understand the ins and outs of such incentives. The Internal Revenue Service and Canadian Revenue Agency Web sites also make helpful resources for prospective nonprofit owners.

Though nonprofits fall into various categories that determine their eligibility for certain incentives, the following are some of the perks afforded to nonprofit organizations.

\* Itemized business deductions: A nonprofit is a business and is entitled to certain itemized business deductions under the tax code. Deductions for advertising and promotional costs

may be eligible, so nonprofits may be able to deduct costs associated with brochures, Web site design and media advertisements.

\* No taxes on revenues: A nonprofit that has a tax-exempt status will not have to pay taxes on net revenues. Furthermore, many nonprofits do not have to pay sales tax or are eligible for rebates on any sales taxes they have paid on items for the business.

\* Legal and professional fees: The fees charged by attorneys and accountants to further the operations of the nonprofit business may be tax deductible. Additional services, such as hiring grant writers, also may be subject to the same tax benefits.

\* Discounts with private companies: Some companies recognize that nonprofits do important work for society despite modest means. As a result, various companies offer discounts to nonprofit organizations to alleviate the costs of

operating their businesses. When contracting with vendors and other businesses, nonprofits can inquire about discounts for charities. Furthermore, there are cer-

tain Web sites that group together businesses that offer discounts. The site [www.discounts-for-nonprofits.com](http://www.discounts-for-nonprofits.com) is one such enterprise.

Discounts and other

tax incentives for nonprofits depend on an organization's classification.

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**Contact is Elaine Gunderson**

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## Your HOROSCOPE

### **ARIES (March 21-April 20):**

Aries, your thoughts are spinning and it's pretty difficult for you to get a hold of any one thing. Take a step back and try to clear your head before proceeding.

### **TAURUS (April 21-May 21):**

Taurus, don't let your nerves get the better of you this week. Find someone who can calm your nerves and help you realize you have nothing to be nervous about.

### **GEMINI (May 22-June 21):**

Gemini, you have plenty of motivation to get a project started. All you need is some help to get things off the ground. Others will be inspired by your enthusiasm.

### **CANCER (June 22-July 22):**

Cancer, others seem to spend time in the spotlight, but you're more comfortable spending time in the shadows. Make the most of this time for quiet reflection.

### **LEO (July 23-Aug. 23):**

Leo, you may be anxious to try a new hobby this week, but just don't know which direction to go. Get some recommendations from friends about what keeps them busy.

### **VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22):**

Sometimes it is difficult for you to talk about your feelings, Virgo. You want to present a brave front, but you're only human and should let others in this week.

### **LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23):**

Libra, staying the course may be a challenge this week. You have too many things pulling you in different directions. But you'll be successful if you can get a foothold in one thing.

### **SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22):**

Work associates may not be holding up their end of the deal, Scorpio. You're content to help out once in a while but not take on the work of everyone else.

### **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21):**

Use your charm to win someone over, Sagittarius. This is an influential person who will be good to have in your corner. You never know when you might need a good ally.

### **CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20):**

Capricorn, if certain ideas didn't work in the past, give them another try. All of the components may fall into place this time around, and you'll like the results.

### **AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 18):**

Aquarius, the coming weeks may be ideal for some rest and relaxation. Plan for some downtime and make the most of this chance to recharge your batteries.

### **PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):**

Pisces, expect things to flow much more smoothly this week than they have in recent weeks. You may find you have more free time.

## LOVESCOPE

by Eugenia Last



**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Consistency will help you out a lot when it comes to relationships. Try not to confuse the person you have designs on with an erratic show of affection. Make it clear if you are interested, and you will avoid someone rejecting you out of fear of being hurt.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Persistence can be a fine quality to have; however, if you put demands on someone you are trying to form an intimate relationship with, you are likely to push him or her away. A free-spirited approach will draw in that special person without hesitation.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Your flirtatious personality will win plenty of attention, but the one person you want to get to know better will run in the opposite direction. A little less bravado and a little more attentiveness will help capture the object of your desires.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Actions will speak louder than words when it comes to love and relationships. A show of affection and a unique plan for romance and quiet time spent enjoying something very special will help you avoid an argument that has the potential to lead to loneliness.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** A change of scenery or activities will lead to some interesting new connections. Participation coupled with intelligent interaction and a take-charge attitude will attract someone unique and capable of matching your every move. Strive for equality in whatever relationship you get into, and you'll avoid losing interest.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** A serious mindset when it comes to love, romance and forming a committed relationship with someone you meet will pay off. Share your intentions, plans for the future and the timeline in which you'd like to accomplish your personal goals, and you will attract someone like-minded.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Taking part in community events will bring you in contact with someone from a different background. Be careful not to misread what's being offered. A secret affair may be tempting, but it won't lead to the happiness you are searching for. Opt for the real deal, not a one-night stand.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Get involved in networking, media events and dating services or rely on a friend to hook you up with someone, and you will meet someone who fits your lifestyle and future plans perfectly. Don't exaggerate what you have to offer. Low-key and mysterious will ensure you hold the interest of someone special.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** You won't have trouble attracting attention or suitable partners, but you will have trouble holding on to someone who catches your eye. Disappointment will ruin a potentially good relationship. Don't make promises or innuendoes that are unrealistic and impossible for you to deliver.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Communication will be your downfall. If you like someone, let them know by your physical actions and body language. Debates may make you look smart but are likely to turn off someone who interprets your aggressive know-it-all behavior as arrogant and pushy. Back off and let your hearts desire come to you.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Making plans with someone you think is special will bring you closer together. Taking the lead and sharing your thoughts, ideas and plans will help you win over any doubt the person you are interested in may have. Keep your thoughts concise, reasonable and open to suggestions and input.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** If you have to be aggressive to get someone's attention, it's possible you are pursuing the wrong partner. Look for someone who shares your ideals, integrity and common interests, and you will stand a much better chance when it comes to finding everlasting love.

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Do Just One Thing



by Danny Seo

Did you know that birds -- from hummingbirds to larger species -- have a taste for artificial sweeteners? The artificial taste of the sweeteners is very appealing to them, and the packages are often swiped from outdoor dining restaurants by mischievous birds. However, in the long run, since they have no caloric value, they should be kept away from birds at all costs. Birds that develop a taste for artificial sweeteners can quickly starve to death because they are getting zero nutritional content. Keeping the packets away helps birds maintain their natural diet.

Many people install bat houses near their homes because the flying

mammals help control insect populations. But for some people, having a colony of bats at home can be too bothersome, noisy and messy. If you want to relocate bats, contact your local animal control office and make sure it isn't illegal to move them. If it isn't, find out who they recommend as a professional wildlife control service to come do the job. Summer and fall are the best times to relocate bats because come wintertime, the bats will be hibernating and will die from the cold if relocated.

Washing your hands on a regular basis is a good habit to stay healthy year-round. But did you know the key to proper hand-washing isn't what type of soaps you use or how much you use, but the way you wash your hands? Instead of chemical-laden, antibacterial hand soaps packaged in plastic bottles, regular bar soap can be just as effective to get hands clean. The trick is to use warm to hot water (not scalding) and to scrub well and thorough-

ly. This will eradicate bacteria and viruses off your hands without the use of chemicals. Dry your hands on a clean towel dedicated to drying hands only.

Is it greener to shop online or at the store? The answer depends how far you drive. If you live near stores that are in close proximity of your house -- less than 10 miles away -- buying locally is the greener way to go. But if you drive more than 20 miles round trip to a store, buying items online will be more environmentally friendly and probably more convenient to you. Even with overnight air shipping, The Center for Energy and Climate Solutions says two 20-pound boxes is more energy efficient to order online and have delivered than driving those 20 miles. The trick to be

the greenest is to elect ground shipping and to buy only what you need.

Can you recycle your old undergarments, like underwear and bras? Yes, you can. Believe it or not, Goodwill takes any condition undergarments, as long as they are clean. If they are in good enough shape, they'll sell them in their stores. If they are torn or threadbare, they get sold to scrap fabric dealers who recycle them into new cloth industrial products. But here's something you may not know: If you wear 100 percent cotton undergarments, you can compost them. Just cut off the elastic parts and cut the cotton fabric into small pieces. Toss the scraps into the compost, and in no time flat, they'll break down into beneficial mulch for your garden.

If you've ever given a prepaid credit card gift card -- the cards with the Visa, MasterCard or American Express logo on them -- you might be surprised to know that more than \$5 billion dollars on these cards never get used. If you have a stash of gift cards with a small balance on them -- even just a penny -- you can donate the leftover balance to help make the world a better place. Many nonprofits like the Salvation Army and the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals have made it easy to give; just visit their websites and enter the details of the card and whatever balance you want to give is donated. Can you imagine if we all did this? Amazing things could happen.

Delicious wine that comes from faraway

places like France, South America and Australia means the grapes were grown in those parts of the world, fermented into wine, bottled and shipped to the United States. Heavy bottles equal heavy cases, which mean a significant carbon footprint can be attached to every bottle. Enjoying your vino shouldn't mean wine bottles that used lots of fuel to get to your table. Instead, think about locally made wines that come from your community. The free app Winery Passport has more than 4,500 wineries you can search to find local vineyards and winemakers wherever you are in the country. Just type in your geographic details and everything from address, vintages, reviews and ratings pop right up on your smartphone.

Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- A proverb of unknown origin states, "The length of a piece of wood can only be too short on one end."
- A Neanderthal's brain was actually larger than the brain of a modern human.
- Keep an eye on the weather in your part of the country, it may be a sign of things to come. An old saying goes, "Much rain in October, much wind in December."
- A famous and oft-quoted line from Sherlock Holmes is "How often have I said to you that when you have eliminated the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth?" However, author Sir Arthur Conan Doyle didn't come up with that one himself; he took it from a story by Edgar Allan Poe, another pioneer of the detective genre.
- Just as bears do, many frogs hibernate. A frog will burrow down

into the mud at the bottom of a pond and, not being able to use its lungs to breathe, it will absorb the oxygen in the water through its skin.

Everywhere you go these days, you see people carrying around bottles of water. I wonder if they realize how much

money they're spending? At \$1.49 for a 9-ounce bottle of Evian, a gallon would cost \$21.19. It could be worse, though. Pepto-Bismol is \$123.20 a gallon.

Jayne Mansfield had an interesting definition of men. She said they are "creatures with two legs

and eight hands."

- Snakes can get hiccups.

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Thought for the Day: "I'm tired of all this nonsense about beauty being only skin deep. That's deep enough. What do you want -- an adorable pancreas?" -- Jean Kerr

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Fun By The Numbers

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Sudoku solution on page 37

A recipe from Mama Gray's kitchen

Caramel candy apples

**Ingredients:**  
1 can sweetened condensed milk  
1 cup sugar  
3/4 cup corn cyrup  
1/4 tsp. salt

**Directions:**  
Combine milk, sugar, corn syrup, and salt in heavy, large pot and heat over medium heat until mixture begins to boil. Continue to cook candy and stir almost constantly for about 35 minutes or temperature on candy thermometer reads 230°. Remove from stove and stir in 1 tsp. vanilla.

Cool caramel for 7 minutes. Insert 6 skewers in 6 medium-sized washed and dried apples. After cooling for 7 minutes, dip apples in caramel until coated. Cool on buttered cookie sheet. If preferred, roll bottom of 1/3 of each apple in finely chopped pecans before cooling on buttered cookie sheet.

# MP Rob Merrifield retires from House of Commons to become Alberta's Senior Representative to the US

By Laura Bohnert  
Whitecourt Press

On Wednesday, September 17, Conservative MP Rob Merrifield announced that he would be retiring from federal politics in order to become Alberta's representative to the United States.

In a written statement, Merrifield declared that, "After 14 years of serving as the Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, [he is] officially announcing [his] retirement from the House of Commons, effective immediately."

In a later interview, he wished to articulate his appreciation to his riding for allowing him the opportunity to serve them: "I would like to say a tremendous thank you to the riding for their confidence and support." He further stressed that, "It has been an honour and a privilege to have served in Cabinet and to be in the position to leave with my family intact as well as my integrity, and this riding has been a tremendously positive experience."

"It is," he states with conviction, "the greatest riding in Canada."

Merrifield, first elected to the House of Commons in 2000, was re-elected four times in his riding as Member of Parliament for Yellowhead. He has further served as the Chair of the House of Commons Standing Committee for Finance and Chair of the Canada-US Inter-Parliamentary Association, and in 2008 was asked to serve as Minister of State for Transport by Prime Minister Stephen Harper. He has recently been serving as Chair of the House of Commons Standing Committee on International Trade and as a member on the Board of Internal Economy and, in addition, has been working closely with the United States Congress on relevant Canadian issues.

Prime Minister Ste-

phen Harper released a statement following MP Rob Merrifield's announcement articulating his appreciation for Merrifield's "tremendous contributions to our Government": "Since his election to the House of Commons, Rob has been a strong voice and advocate for Alberta, and a valued member within our caucus... He has not only earned my highest respect, but the respect of his Parliamentary colleagues, as well. Rob's expertise, insights, and exemplary work ethic will certainly be missed as our Government continues to focus on our priorities of creating jobs and economic growth for Canadians."

PM Stephen Harper further emphasized that "Rob has tirelessly worked in the service of Canadians in over a decade of public life." In fact, Hill Times recently declared Merrifield to be #17 of the 100 most influential people in Canadian politics, and it doesn't look like his retirement from the House of Commons will be lessening his impact.

After 14 years of service to the Commons, Merrifield is entitled to receive a pension; however, he has determined that while he is being paid to work for Alberta, he will donate the value of his pension payments to charity.

But that isn't all. When asked about the highlights of his time in the House of Commons, Merrifield stated that "serving the riding has always been [his] primary focus," and "having the opportunity to serve in Cabinet has been a tremendously positive experience." However, he enthusiastically points to the mandate given to him by the prime minister to work with the US Congress on issues relevant to Canadian interests: "[it was] the most exciting thing to have a chance to do, and being a senior representative

for Alberta allows me to continue to do that work in a different vehicle."

Merrifield will be moving to Washington, D.C., to take his position as Alberta's senior representative to the U.S., where he will work on the effort to get Alberta's resources to key markets. Jim Prentice reports that Merrifield's "considerable skills... will advance Alberta's interests in terms of relationship-building, pol-

icy alignment and market development." He will, continues Prentice, "work in close contact with our government's overall efforts to remove barriers and ensure market access and global prices are achieved."

"I am excited for this new challenge," states Merrifield, "and to continue to build upon the relationships and contacts that I have made working as a congressional liaison and the

chair of the International Trade Committee."

When asked about his future plans Merrifield reported that he was "on a plane to Tulsa, Oklahoma for energy conference so I am hitting the ground running," he emphasized.

His concluding remarks further emphasized his appreciation of his experience as MP: "The staff that served me," he emphasized, "is extremely qualified.

I would like to offer a great thanks to the staff for its service for the past 14 years, as well." He further concluded, "I just want to take this chance to say that I am very appreciative of my friends and family. It seems that those closest to you are the ones who are overlooked, and they take the brunt of the problems, but mine have stood by me and I would like to publically appreciate them for that."

## Buddies



Photos submitted

Recently, students at Ecolé St. Joseph enjoyed Friendship Week with buddy groups (cross grade groups).

## Fox Creek is booming!

By Susan Hofforth  
Whitecourt Press

One of Fox Creek's two hairdressing businesses will be closing at the end of this month. Tracy Davis, fed up with the high rent in the town, is packing up and moving KAOS Hair Design to Valleyview.

"Things are ridiculous here," she said. "People are buying up houses and renting them to the oilfields." Her own rental residence was recently sold to Best Western who has plans to turn it into staff housing for the oil companies.

Davis said she knows

of many places where people have to double or triple up on accommodations. There's not enough of anything to go around. "There aren't enough amenities for the boom that we've had. If you don't get to the grocery store on time, you don't get any milk."

She believes that most of the amenities in the town are being pushed out of the way for the oilfields, leaving nothing for the average resident. "There's nowhere to rent for under \$2,000 a month," she said. "What am I supposed to do?"

Charge \$80 for a haircut and \$500 for a perm?"

Fox Creek is becoming familiar with the story of losing its citizens and its businesses to Valleyview or Whitecourt. It has been struggling with being a town of 10,000 living in the space for 2,000

for some time now, and Davis's concerns are not news to them. In next week's paper, we will be talking to officials from the Town of Fox Creek to hear what is being done in town to manage the boom.

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## TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH

By Keith Roach, M.D.

### Diet Can Cut Risk of Prostate Cancer

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** Do you believe that lycopene, which is found in certain foods such as cooked tomatoes, can help prevent prostate cancer? -- C.R.O.

**ANSWER:** Lycopene, a vitamin A-like substance found in tomatoes and watermelons, was indeed thought to help prevent prostate cancer. Unfortunately, further studies failed to support this.

What has been shown more substantially is that a diet of fresh fruits and vegetables helps reduce

risk for and even helps treat prostate (and other) cancer. So it may be that lycopene by itself isn't enough, but that all the different healthy substances found in fruits and vegetables are. This diet certainly reduces risk of heart disease as well.

The booklet on the prostate gland discusses enlargement and cancer. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Roach -- No. 1001, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Can. with the recipient's printed name and address. Please al-

low four weeks for delivery.

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**DEAR DR. ROACH:** About four years ago I bought a vibration machine. I'm a 64-year-old female with major back issues, but I can exercise on the vibration machine with no problems. In fact, when I went in for my last bone density check, my bone density had increased over 14 percent! My doctor said it was unbelievable.

I understand that many retirement homes may have this machine. My ultimate wish would be that hotels would all put one in their exercise room! Ten minutes on

the machine equals 4 miles of jogging. -- L.J.

**ANSWER:** Vibration machines have been around for years, but the data supporting them is patchy. Some studies have found that they do not improve osteoporosis; others show a slight improvement. Many studies have shown an improvement in low back pain and in strength. The machines are generally safe, but they can cause injuries, especially in the elderly.

Although vibration machines can improve fitness, I don't believe that 10 minutes on an exercise machine gives you all the benefits of 4

miles of jogging. Bone density levels show a lot of variation, so a single large increase doesn't always mean a sustained gain.

I think it's too early to recommend vibration therapy as a standard treatment for osteoporosis. It may have a role for people who are unable to do other kinds of exercises.

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**DEAR DR. ROACH:** I have a white patch called vitiligo. My doctor is giving me Protopic, but I do not see much improvement. Can you advise me? I am afraid of

this advancing. -- G.L.

**ANSWER:** Vitiligo is a loss of color in the skin. It can affect people of any skin color, and likely is due to the body's destroying its own cells -- in this case, the cells that make the pigment for the skin.

Vitiligo often progresses slowly. Tacrolimus (Protopic) is effective in about 90 percent of people treated for two months, according to one study. Steroid creams and ultraviolet light also are used. It may be worthwhile to look for other autoimmune diseases, such as thyroid disease.

## Ask the expert: when are aches and pains a sign of something more?



(NC) September is Arthritis Awareness Month, and it's a chance to shed light on a disease that affects one in six Canadian adults. Dr. Ted Jablonski, a family physician, shares his expert advice for those who suspect they may have arthritis or are newly diagnosed.

**Q:** I've started getting a lot of pain in my knees and lower back after exercising. I'm worried it might be arthritis, but I'm only 45 -- could it really be that already?

**A:** Many people view arthritis as a disease of the elderly. In truth, 56 per cent of Canadians with arthritis are under age 65. Osteoarthritis is the most common type of arthritis and it occurs when cartilage begins to wear away. Cartilage protects the ends of bones and as it erodes, bones may rub against each other, causing pain, inflammation, and stiff-

ness.

In the early stages, osteoarthritis pain is usually only triggered by high impact activities. With the milder form of the disease, the pain can be prompted by ordinary activities like walking or typing, and can then be relieved with rest. Some swelling of the joints might be noticeable, as well as loss of flexibility and strength. If you suspect it might be arthritis pain, it's important to speak with your doctor to get a proper diagnosis. Your physician can work with you to find the appropriate management

program to help you live with improved function and less pain.

In terms of managing mild to moderate osteoarthritis, physical activity is important because it protects joints by strengthening the muscles around them. Eating a healthy diet is also key as excess weight put more stress on joints. In addition, non-prescription pain relievers can help relieve the pain. For example, new Advil Arthritis Pain® provides fast and effective relief of osteoarthritis by targeting the pain at the site of inflammation.

## 4 ways to break up with cigarettes

- Call a quit coach for free at 1-866-366-3667 or visit [www.gosmokefree.gc.ca/quit](http://www.gosmokefree.gc.ca/quit). Quit coaches are specially-trained counsellors who can help you get through your smoking breakup. Their services are free and completely confidential.

- Download the free "Break It Off" mobile app at [www.breakitoff.ca/stay-split-up/break-it-off-mobile](http://www.breakitoff.ca/stay-split-up/break-it-off-mobile) to track your breakup with smoking progress and overcome cravings and triggers when they happen. The app and website have been developed by Health Canada and the Canadian Cancer Society.

- Use the Facebook relationship status change feature at [www.breakitoff.ca/move-on-with-life/start-up-new-relationships/change-relationship-status](http://www.breakitoff.ca/move-on-with-life/start-up-new-relationships/change-relationship-status) to announce your breakup with smoking to your network of friends encouraging positive feedback and support from others.

- Talk to your physician or health care provider about quitting.

## Coco Loco!!!!

By Verna Ellis  
Health Solutions

Sadly, marketing and politics have robbed our kitchens of one of the healthiest products we have ever consumed. You guessed it! Coconut oil was widely used for many food preparations before World War II. When the Japanese occu-

pied the Philippines during the war, coconut oil exported to the US was interrupted. This created a market for vegetable and seed oil producers who used their marketing and misinformation to capitalize on the problem. Since that time vegetable and seed oil producers got very wealthy

and we got very sick.

**Fat 101:**  
Fats are categorized as saturated (no open space for oxygen to attach to), monounsaturated (one space for oxygen to attach), and polyunsaturated (many spaces open for oxygen attachment). Saturated fat can contain short, medium, and long

chain fatty acids, likewise with monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fats. The more saturated, the more stable the fat; essential fatty acids are in the polyunsaturated category and are less stable, hence they are heat sensitive.

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ing fat and becomes energy very efficiently. It is a medium chain fatty acid that requires no lipid enzyme or bile to assimilate. And, bonus, it does not cause an insulin rush. Conversely, saturated animal fat is a long chain fatty acid and a storing fat which needs enzymes and bile

and does generate an insulin rush. Coconut oil is clearly a better choice; however, modern refining processes damage this perfect fuel rendering it as harmful as other bad fats. So purchase organic, unrefined virgin coconut oil only!

- Continued next week

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## The mice are coming!

By Susan Hofforth  
Whitecourt Press

Remember that cartoon show from the '90s? The one with the two laboratory mice after the scientists have all gone home? "What are we going to do tonight, Brain?"... "The

same thing we do every night, Pinky. Try to take over the world." But they never succeeded, of course. Not because they were mice but, because, between them, they had the best and worst qualities of human beings. Their nightly plan failed either because Brain was too arrogant and scheming, or because Pinky was kind and simple.

Move forward to today's reality where scientists have successfully spliced the human gene FOXP2 into the brains of mice in a study designed to see how partially humanizing the brains of other species affect cognitive functions. The FOXP2 gene is one that affects language development in humans, and it gave the mice the ability to find food in a maze more quickly. This

tells us that our language genes make us smarter, and it provides further evidence that studying languages is excellent mental activity.

The mice needed to find their way to the chocolate by observing landmarks that they could see around the maze or by noticing the feel of the floor under their feet. The un-spliced mice needed 11 days to learn the maze, but the mice with the human gene learned the route in seven days because they could do it subconsciously. As humans, having found our way to our workplace once, we stop considering the route as we drive and our commute becomes automatic. The language gene gives us cognitive flexibility, and lets us easily move between

tasks. When we learned to speak as children, we grew from mimicking sounds to speaking easily without thinking about it. We know it's the language gene that is responsible but we don't know why.

Animal rights activists will say we have no right to be altering the brains of other species. And sci-fi fans will point out that this will someday be seen as the point where hostile takeovers from the rodent world began. Regardless, there is so much we don't know about the human brain and how we learn so studies such as this are very valuable. Learning more about the brain, and advancing toward using more of it than the 10 per cent we currently employ, is the only way the human species can evolve.



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## How to maximize living in a smaller space

(NC) It comes as no surprise that Canadians are living in smaller spaces. As national real estate prices continue to rise, our homes have been decreasing in square footage. However, there is no need to sacrifice style when living in tighter quarters. Sharon Grech, a colour and design expert at Benjamin Moore, offers her easy tips on making the most of your smaller space this fall:

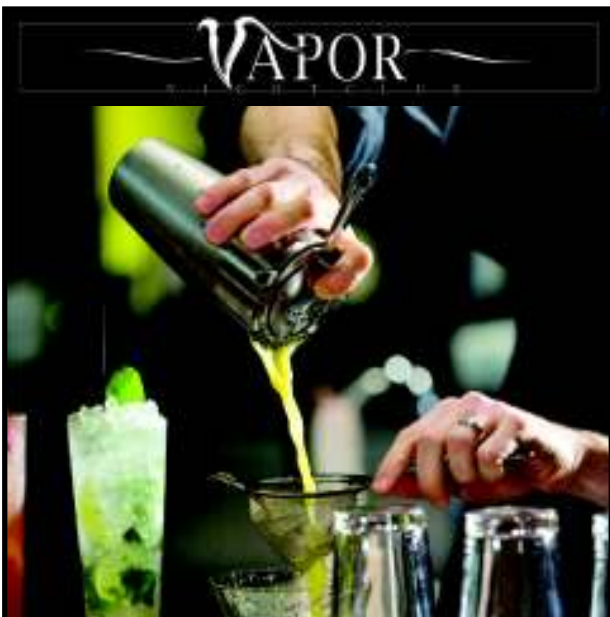
### Pick a Colour Scheme

Choosing one harmonious colour palette helps to pull a small space together because it allows the eye to travel without distraction. Grech recommends combining Pashmina AF-100, Boudoir AF-190 and Sonnet AF-55 all from the Affinity Colours Collection, a palette of harmonious hues from Benjamin Moore. "These colours capture the light and offer a beautiful depth and richness, which is perfect for smaller spaces," she says. "Best of all, this colour collection is only made with our Aura paint, a formula that is recognized by insiders for its beauty and durability."

### Form & Function

Use your creativity to make the most of a humble abode. A bed with room for underneath storage is critical when faced with limited closet space. A vintage trunk in the living room holds stacks of books and doubles as a placeholder for drinks and appetizers when guests arrive. A foldable screen, like the one pictured, acts as a divider between the living room and kitchen, giving the appearance and privacy of two separate rooms within one central area.

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### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY | Job #14-054

## Senior Finance Clerk IV



The Town of Whitecourt is your local government at work. Council and staff function on behalf of the community to enhance the quality of life for all residents, with a commitment to the well-being of our community. Our organization now has an opening for a Senior Finance Clerk to aid the Controller with the municipal financial reporting and services. This is a full time, permanent position. Reporting to the Controller, the Senior Finance Clerk will participate in all aspects of financial procedures.

This position works closely with other experienced staff in the Town's Corporate Services Department, including: payroll; accounts payable, cash receipts, accounts receivable, taxes, and utilities.

#### PRIMARY DUTIES INCLUDE:

- Aiding the Controller in preparation of the annual budget, audit year-end working paper and preparation of financial statements;
- Completing monthly bank reconciliations;
- Preparing financial spreadsheets as required;
- Maintaining the fixed assets sub ledger; and
- Other financial duties as required.

The successful applicant should hold an accounting diploma or be pursuing an accounting designation program. Preference will be given to candidates with municipal government experience. Familiarity with Great Plains Diamond Municipal Software and Excel would be a definite asset. This will be a good opportunity for people with superior accounting skills to utilize their accounting knowledge in a municipal environment.

The Town offers a progressive working environment, a comprehensive benefits plan, and Local Authorities Pension Plan. The successful applicant will be required to pass a pre-employment physical, criminal check and provide a driver's abstract, prior to being hired. Starting salary for the position is \$52,625 per year dependent on qualifications.

If you feel that you have the qualifications and desire to be a part of the Town Team, please submit your resume to the following address by **2:00 p.m. on Friday, September 26, 2014:**

#### TOWN OF WHITECOURT

Attention: Legislative Coordinator  
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Fax: 780-778-4166  
Email: [hr@whitecourt.ca](mailto:hr@whitecourt.ca)  
Re: Job #14-054

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### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY | Job #14-058

## Facility Operator I



The Town of Whitecourt is your local government at work. Council and staff function on behalf of the community to enhance the quality of life for all residents, with a commitment to the well-being of our community. Our organization now has an opening for a full time Facility Operator (Level I) to work within the Community Services Department.

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#### THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE WILL WORK AS PART OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES TEAM AND WILL POSSESS THE FOLLOWING QUALIFICATIONS:

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- Custodial experience required;
- Experience in working with the public and providing excellent customer service;
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- Possess a minimum class 5 Alberta driver's licence;
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The position requires an individual who exhibits accuracy, neatness and completeness in all functions and relates in a positive manner to the general public as well as other staff members. The person hired for this position will be willing to work outside the parameters of the position description and be able to work with minimal supervision. The successful applicant will be required to pass a criminal record check, and provide a drivers' abstract, prior to being hired.

Job descriptions are available upon request. The hourly rate for the position ranges from \$24.06 to \$26.03 per hour. Please submit your resume by **12:00 noon on Friday, September 26, 2014** to:

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### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY | Job #14-053

## Parks and Open Spaces Operator II



The Town of Whitecourt is your local government at work. Council and staff function on behalf of the community to enhance the quality of life for all residents, with a commitment to the well being of our community. Our organization now has an opening for a full-time, permanent, Parks and Open Spaces Operator. Reporting to and taking direction from the Parks and Open Spaces Coordinator, or a person designated by the Manager of Works.

This position requires the performance of labour and equipment related tasks for parks and public works functions in a variety of work areas. An important component of this position is the operation of equipment, including a skidsteer, backhoe and loader.

#### SUBJECT TO ESTABLISHED POLICY, THE PARKS AND OPEN SPACES OPERATOR WILL:

- Assist with the maintenance and operations of parks, sports fields, trails and small scale projects.
- Assist in training new staff and make sure they follow safe work practices according to Town policy.
- Supervise and work with small crews.
- Perform facility and playground inspections.
- Oversee and assist the maintenance of all recreation equipment.
- Maintain the cemetery as directed (mowing, pruning, etc.).
- Clear snow and ice from pathways and roads as directed.
- Operate equipment as directed.
- Perform other duties as assigned by the Parks and Open Spaces Coordinator or person designated by the Manager of Works.
- In all duties, establish and maintain positive and constructive duties with the public he/she serves.

#### QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Diploma/Certificate in parks maintenance, horticulture, landscaping or related experience;
2. Must possess a valid Class 5 driver's licence; preference will be giving to those with Class 3;
3. First Aid;
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5. Experience operating equipment (skidsteer, backhoe and loader);
6. Experience in tree removal including; safe chainsaw operation; tree falling and bucking;
7. Other work experience and education will be considered.

#### WORK SCHEDULE:

1. Normal working hours are 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Other hours will be scheduled for specific projects. Weekends will be scheduled as required.
2. Must be prepared to work overtime and on call as required.

The successful applicant will be required to pass a pre-employment physical and criminal record check, and provide a drivers' abstract prior to being hired. This is a full time (40 hours per week) position that offers an hourly wage of \$26.62 to \$28.77 based on experience.

Resumes must be received at the following address by **4:00 p.m., Friday, October 3, at:**

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The Administrative Assistant is responsible for Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, assistance with payroll, data entry, processing of employee Leave of Absence Applications, processing Program Referrals, newsletters, communication, social media, event management, general administrative duties and providing relief for other Administrative Staff.

The ideal candidate will be required to demonstrate initiative; be able to work independently; apply critical thinking skills; and develop and demonstrate effective interpersonal skills.

**Requirements:**

High level of proficiency in Sage 50, strong communication skills, good computer skills (MS Office suite, web management, facebook etc), excellent customer service skills, organizational skills and event management skills.

Five days a week (Mon to Fri), 5 hours per day (FTE 0.63)

This job requires occasional flexible hours and will be based in Whitecourt.

Please email your resume in confidence to: [persak@mrpcn.ca](mailto:persak@mrpcn.ca)

We thank all interested applicants, however, only those invited for an interview will be contacted.

<http://mrpcn.albertapci.ca>

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Tim Hortons in Whitecourt is looking to fill the following positions:

**Food Service Attendant**  
Full Time / Shift Work  
\$12.50 / Hour plus Benefits

**Food Service Supervisor**  
Full Time / Shift Work  
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Please apply in person at the restaurant.



4331-52 Ave Unit 1  
Whitecourt, AB

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Whitecourt, AB

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Techmation Electric & Controls is one of Canada's Best Managed Companies that provides electrical and instrumentation services throughout Western Canada for the Oil & Gas industry. We are currently hiring for the following position with our Whitecourt, AB branch:

**Lead Electrician**

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Journeyman Electrician
- Industrial construction and maintenance experience
- Prior experience in a leadership role
- H2S Alive, Standard First Aid and Fall Protection certification required
- Must live within commuting distance of Whitecourt, AB or be willing to relocate. Relocation Assistance is provided to those qualified candidates.

**COMPENSATION:**

This is an excellent long term, permanent opportunity and comes with a great compensation package including benefits and an outstanding employer Contributed Pension Package.

To learn more, or to apply, go to: [www.techmationelectric.com](http://www.techmationelectric.com)  
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**HELP WANTED**

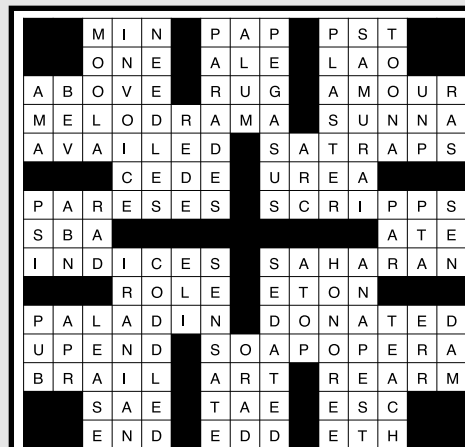
Whitecourt Early Learning and Childcare is looking for Level 2 and 3 childcare Professionals.

- Should already have first aid or willing to take first aid immediately.
- Starting wage for a level 2 - \$15.00
- Starting wage for a level 3 - \$17.00 - \$19.00 depending on experience.

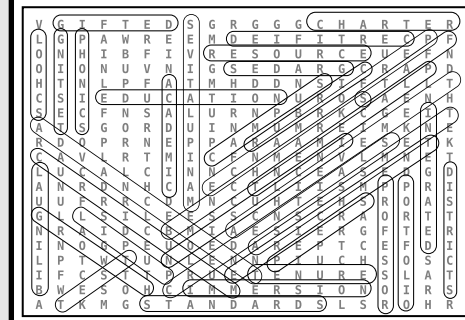
We are an accredited Daycare Centre and staff are eligible for wage top ups.

Please bring resume's to the daycare centre located in the Carlan resource Centre.

**Puzzle Solutions, did you solve the puzzle?**



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3559 Caxton Street, Whitecourt, AB. T7S 1P4 is Hiring One Full-Time Front Desk Clerk & Three Full-Time Room Attendants

**Front Desk Clerk:**

No experience & education. Duties: Maintain an inventory/Register arriving guests and assign rooms/Answer enquiries regarding hotel/Compile and check daily record sheets, guest accounts, receipts and vouchers using computerized or manual systems/Present statements of charges to departing guests and receive payment. **Wage: C\$12.50-14.50/hr,36-40 hr/week**

**Room Attendant:**

No experience & education. Duties: Sweep, mop, wash, wax and polish floors/ Dust furniture and vacuum carpeting and area rugs, draperies and upholstered furniture/Make beds, change sheets and distribute clean towels and toiletries/ Attend to guests' requests for extra supplies/Stock linen closet and supplies area /Clean/Pick up debris and empty trash containers/Wash windows, walls and ceilings/Report and store lost and found items. **Wage: C\$14-16/hr,36-40hr/wk**

**Other:**

We encourage part time candidates to apply as well, welcome applications from Aboriginals

Resume to - [goodmotel@gmail.com](mailto:goodmotel@gmail.com)

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Wage negotiable

**Back of House Manager: full time, days, nights, evenings, weekends, overtime.**  
Wage negotiable

Email resume to  
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## Careers



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INFRATECH CORPORATION is looking for an experienced Journeyman Structural Welder for full time structural steel/CWB shop work

CWB experience preferred

We offer competitive wages and full benefits

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Jeremy Wurban – INFRATECH CORPORATION  
PO Box 2099 Whitecourt, AB. Canada T7S 1P7  
Fax: 780-778-4220 email [Jeremy@infratech.cc](mailto:Jeremy@infratech.cc)

No Phone Calls Please



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3624 - 36 Avenue Whitecourt

Northwell Oilfield Hauling Whitecourt Office

Phone 780-706-2000

### Service Manager Required



Brogan Safety Supplies is looking for a service manager for the Whitecourt branch Opening this fall!!

The ideal candidate will have knowledge/experience

in servicing safety related equipment including fire extinguishers, Breathing Air Equipment, and gas detection equipment and related regulations. We are willing to train the right individual if you are willing and eager to learn these traits.

You will also work closely with the Branch Manager to schedule on site services so you must be highly organized and possess superior time management skills.

Supervisory ability is a must for this position as well as adequate computer knowledge. Above all you MUST be able to recognize the importance of customer service, and quality control and be able to work in a fast paced team atmosphere.

Competitive wages and extended health benefits are offered. Interested persons can email a resume and drivers abstract to: [darryl@brogansafety.com](mailto:darryl@brogansafety.com)

We thank everyone for their interest; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

No phone calls please

# Careers

### Canadian Tire Whitecourt is currently looking to fill the following full time positions in our newly expanded store:

#### Department Managers for Hardware, Warehouse, Sports & Seasonal

This position ensures the department is running effectively and efficiently in order to meet productivity goals while focusing on the 5 basics of retail (Customer service, Faced, Filled, Signed and Cleaned). This includes ensuring staff are properly trained and informed of all pertinent information in order to follow the stores policies and procedures.

#### Retail Sales Associates

Several positions available which are fast-paced, involving constant interaction with customers explaining product benefits and fulfilling customer needs. Helping customers is combined with store maintenance activities such as stocking shelves, merchandising and general housekeeping.

#### PHYSICAL DEMANDS (refers to an 8-hour shift with standard breaks)

- Ability to stand/walk for 8 hours
- Ability to lift 10 kilos or 25 lbs unassisted
- Ability to lift and turn repeatedly throughout the shift
- Ability to lift above shoulder and from floor to shoulder and floor to waist
- Ability to twist, turn, reach and work above shoulder level
- Ability to go up and down a ladder while carrying merchandise
- Ability to walk and carry at same time & push/pull as required
- Educational & experience requirements as per position

Please apply with Resume at  
Canadian Tire, 4721 51 St, Whitecourt, AB T7S 1P1



### Canadian Tire Whitecourt is currently looking to fill the following full time positions in our newly expanded store:

#### Automotive Technician

- Perform maintenance and repair vehicles as requested by customers
  - Perform road tests using safe driving standards
  - Providing written, prioritized quotations for necessary additional work
  - Notify service advisor and customer of additional maintenance work required to be recorded
  - Explain procedures and repairs directly to customers, as required
  - Perform daily bay inspections
  - Instruct apprentices: monitor and verify their work for accuracy
  - Maintain company and personally-owned equipment and tools in good repair
  - Develop and maintain up-to-date knowledge of the operation, maintenance and repair of most domestic and imported cars
  - Maintain professional appearance (uniform, hygiene, grooming & name tag)
  - Follow company, store and department policies
  - Follow store health & safety program and observe provincial occupational health & safety regulations; report any observed or potential hazards immediately
  - Participate in meetings and all training, as required
- Must have valid mechanic's license and drivers license.

#### Automotive Tire Technician

Perform oil changes and tire installations as well as some light maintenance and some cleaning tasks. In this position, you will often interact and take direction from licensed technicians and interact directly with customers.

#### PHYSICAL DEMANDS (refers to an 8-hour shift with standard breaks)

- Ability to stand/walk for 8 hours
- Able to lift 25 kilos or 50 lbs unassisted and carry as required
- Ability to lift and turn repeatedly throughout the shift
- Ability to lift above shoulder and from floor to shoulder and floor to waist
- Ability to go up and down a ladder while carrying merchandise
- Ability to walk and carry at same time & push/pull as required
- Able to twist, turn, reach and work above shoulder level
- Ability to work in an environment conducive to the repair of motor vehicles

Please apply in person with resume or call 780-778-6591 ask for Mark.



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#### Qualifications:

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Attention Operations Manager

Ph: 780-778-3939

Please submit your cover letter and resume, in confidence, to: [careers@atechndt.com](mailto:careers@atechndt.com)



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We are growing in the Whitecourt area and we are looking for an experienced Dispatcher. This is a high paced work environment where experienced individuals will be challenged and rewarded.

#### QUALIFICATIONS

- High school diploma or equivalent
- Requires minimum of 1-2 yrs. of oilfield related dispatch experience
- Basic keyboarding skill
- Basic skill level in Microsoft Office applications
- Good verbal and written communication skills
- Transportation and Logistics experience preferred
- Rig Moving Experience an Asset
- Safety Tickets are preferred.

All positions include competitive wages and full benefits.

Please submit your resume by fax to 1-780-960-4888 or email to [amartyniuk@northwelloilfield.ca](mailto:amartyniuk@northwelloilfield.ca)

## Tundra Oilfield Rentals Ltd. is looking for:

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