

December 2024

# TALK OF THE TOWN



## Employee Newsletter

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### HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Please visit our website for a list of facility closures and changes in hours of operation (including garbage pick-up schedule changes) during the Christmas Holiday season.

We wish our staff a safe, happy, and warm holiday season! Merry Christmas and happy New Year!



<https://www.whitecourt.ca/public/download/files/252876>

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Free Transit in Whitecourt | December 7, 14 & 21

Town of Whitecourt's Social Club Children's Christmas Movie | December 1 | Vista Theatre

Town of Whitecourt's EFAP Committee Pancake Breakfast | December 4 | Allan & Jean Millar Centre

Night at the North Pole | December 7 | Forest Interpretive Centre

Whitecourt Transit Twinkle Tours | December 7 & 8 | Whitecourt

Town of Whitecourt's Social Club Adult Christmas Party | December 14 | St. Joseph Parish Hall | 18+ Only

Tim Hortons' Community Fun Night | December 14 | Allan & Jean Millar Centre



# PREPARING FOR 2025

Tis the season for file clean up, fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la!

As things begin to wind down for the year, this is a great opportunity to complete file clean up in your office.

Do you have questions on the Retention Schedule and/or need some help to get started? Contact your Records Management Department Representative or the Records Coordinator, Rhiannon Bisson at 780-778-2273 x. 115.



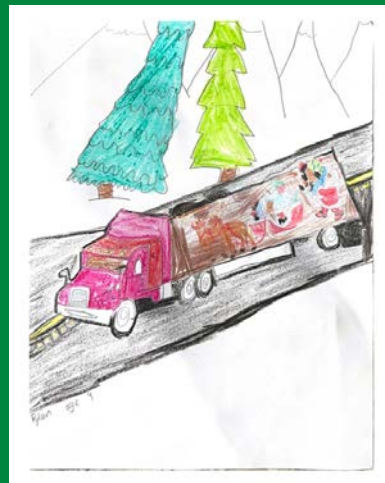
## CHRISTMAS CARD CONTEST WINNERS

Congratulations to our winners of the 2024 Children's Christmas Card Contest!

Thank you to all of the talented, young artists who submitted their masterpieces! All artwork submissions will be featured in this year's Town Christmas Card.



**WINNER OF 8 & UNDER**  
**ATLEE HOGBERG**  
**GRANDPARENT: JUDY BARNEY**



**WINNER OF 9 & OVER**  
**RYLAN BROWN**  
**GRANDPARENT: CHERYL PARIS**

# CHAMP AWARDS & NOMINATIONS

The Champ Awards system was implemented to recognize employees who demonstrate their exceptional skills and dedication to the community we serve. Congratulations to all October 2024 nominees. The draw winners are highlighted in green below.

Don't forget to take a minute to complete a CHAMP nomination to recognize a co-worker who demonstrates excellence in leadership; innovative/creative solutions; excellence in service delivery; being an outstanding team player; health/wellness and safety; or finding the positive.

Cathy Sudderdean, Infrastructure Services  
 Jaymee Feist, Community Services  
 Zoey Langlais, Community Services  
 Heidi Bilau, Community Services  
 Logan Carlson, Community Services  
 Evan Gurnsey, Community Services  
 Robert Meehan, Community Services  
 Courtney Hardman, Community Services  
 Nicole Cone, Community Services  
 Fay Arcand, Community Services  
 Laura Carter, Community Services  
 Alannah Gurnsey, Community Services  
 Ashley John, Community Services  
 Ivy-Lyn Barlow, Community Services  
 Justin Labine, Community Services

Andrew Malmquist, Community Services  
 Louis Snow, Community Services  
 Kara Grywachski, Community Services  
 Aaron Humby, Community Services  
 Gwen Mobey, Corporate Services  
 Chloe Buck, Corporate Services  
 Cherie Van Der Meer, Corporate Services  
 Maureen Humby, Corporate Services  
 Ann-Marie Green, Corporate Services  
 Mike Butterfield, Infrastructure Services  
 Judy Dotzlaf, Infrastructure Services  
 Lisa Rumball, Infrastructure Services  
 Jason Grabler, Infrastructure Services  
 Miranda McPhee, Infrastructure Services  
 Johnley Camposano, Infrastructure Services

*December 2024 & January 2025*

*Whitecourt Press Holiday Calendar for Newspaper Ads*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 December 11 Ads Due at 12:00 noon	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 December 18 Ads Due at 12:00 noon	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 January 8 Ads Due at 12:00 noon	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 No Paper	26	27	28
29	30	31	1 No Paper	2	3	4

*\*Regular Ad Schedule will resume the week of January 6.*



## EMPLOYEE UPDATES

Welcome to all of our  
New Employees!

Kevin Jeon  
Arena Labourer/Student  
Community Services

Jasmine Ducharme  
Lifeguard/Instructor Level 1  
Community Services

Daniele Street  
Parks and Open Spaces  
Operator I  
Infrastructure Services



## SANTA STRAWBERRIES



Recipe courtesy of [smartschoolhouse.com](https://smartschoolhouse.com)

### Ingredients:

- Fresh strawberries
- Vanilla Frosting or Whipped Cream
- Black Icing Gel or Chia Seeds

### Directions:

1. Slice off the very tip and the leafy part of the strawberries, and slice in half horizontally. Dab off the excess moisture on all cut sides with paper towel.
2. Put your vanilla frosting or whipped cream into either a piping bag or a Ziploc bag with the corner cut, and pipe it on the base of the strawberry to make Santa's head. Place the tip of the strawberry back on top, and pipe on a small dab of frosting/whipped cream to complete Santa's hat.
3. Use either your black icing gel or chia seeds to give Santa some eyes. Ready to serve!

## TRAFFIC BYLAW 1573 - OHV USE

During December 1 to March 31 of each winter season, the Town of Whitecourt authorizes use of OHVs within Town limits.

Use between 10pm to 7am is prohibited, and the speed limit within Town is 20km/hr. For more information on the rules and regulations governed under Bylaw 1573, please visit our website at

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