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The very first group of cubs registered at Fort Assinibone were: Ernie Dabels, Leroy Davison, Errol LaBerge, Terry Monson, Allan Renton, Melvin Robinson, Alex and Fred Torvalson, Elwood Strand, Eldwin Wakefield, Theo Dabels, Garry Utas and David Fleming. They ranged in ages from eight to thirteen.

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"Despite years of talk around the issue, little in the way of an overarching downtown revitalization process has taken place." - February 2006 Issue of the Community Advisor

Downtown revitalization spurred

Past downtown revitalization efforts from 2004 to 2006, spurred by the opening of Walmart, had disappointing results. The major accomplishment was the summer decoration of downtown posts with flower baskets. This largely resulted through the efforts of a Chamber past president, Gayle Mombourquette — and she stated she had to bypass the Town bureaucracy of the day to get it done in a timely fashion. Mombourquette also volunteered that she was involved in a similar downtown revitalization initiative in 1998 and in her opinion, nothing of note occurred during this effort either.

Now, over ten years later, 25 downtown retailers have banded together for the 'Save our Downtown Campaign'. The first stated project of the group is to get some signage advertising the downtown up at the main entrance to Highway 43.

One incident that led to the formation of the group was the response to a March 17th letter the downtown

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So the kind fellow walked up to the old man and asked, "What are you doing, my friend?"

"Fishin', sir."

"Fishin', eh. Well how would you like to come have a meal and a beer with me?"

The old man stood put his rod away and followed the kind stranger to the Rainbow Restaurant. He ordered a cold bottle of beer, and professed to his good Samaritan that he wasn't hungry.

His host, the kind fellow, felt good about helping the old man, and he asked, "Tell me, old friend, how many did you catch today?"

The old fellow took a long sip on his beer, savoured the taste and said, "You are the third today, sir!"

From Actual Church Bulletins

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What Is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

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Monthly Quiz Spelling

1.)_____makes the heart grow fonder; **"ab sens"**
2.) Recover what was lost; **"ree coop"**
3.) Helping in a subsidiary way; **"an sill airy"**

Vocabulary

1.) Inapposite: not opposing, not suitable, not religious, not accusing
2.) Indicia would be found: on a used envelope, in a sermon, in the heavens, in handwriting
3.) Ineluctable: not electable, dark, unavoidable, unlucky

Word Jumble

1.) N E W A
2.) B E M I D
3.) P H U C A B
4.) M A C T U N S

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merchants sent to the Town, through the Chamber of Commerce, that included a request for help with highway signage. In due course, a letter dated May 2nd was received wherein the Town pointed out that highway signage was a provincial responsibility and consequently beyond their control.

> *"While it is true that the highway proper is outside the purview of the Town, a drive down this roadway makes abundantly clear that effective signage is possible."*

While it is true that the highway proper is outside the purview of the Town, a drive down this roadway makes clear that effective signage is possible. Billboards advertising individual businesses abound. Indeed, in July, drivers along the highway were treated to a large, colourful sign advertising the air show — put by there with Town involvement. Admittedly, this location covered the town sign, and is only good for temporary events. However, there are other options in plain sight.

Instead of the 'provincial responsibility' response, the Town could also have made the case that taxpayer's dollars should not be used to promote private businesses. This writer is on-board with the user-pay idea. Yet the case could be made that a downtown fighting the move towards malls and online shopping, along with a bad economy, might deserve a little special consideration in light of past and ongoing contributions. Additionally, downtown businesses have paid tens of thousands into town coffers through a somewhat confusing and ineffective parking surcharge policy. This thankfully seems on the way out.

Then there is the matter of property taxes. The non-residential mill rate is about 50% higher than residential, and results in significant dollars. Is the downtown getting good value for the money on these payments? That would be an entire study in itself, but suffice it to say that some tax assessments themselves look to need review. One example presented to the Advisor showed the taxes for one downtown building going up from $3,139 dollars to $4,168, or about 25%, over the course of 3 years. There were no significant improvements to the building beyond an outside paint job. Additional anecdotal evidence was relayed wherein some other buildings successfully ap-

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pealed their tax assessments. At least one of these buildings did not have any improvements done to it whatsoever in the past decade. The tax assessments are based on 2015 valuations, before the economic slowdown, but the downtown was in decline long before this.

Whitecourt Mayor Maryann Chichak has defended the Town's current revitalization work – pointing primarily to the Town Vitalization Grant Program. The Town website explains that this effort: "offers businesses located in the downtown core and along the Highway 43 corridor up to $10,000 per application to enhance the exterior appearance of their business and or property."

The excellent results occasioned by this policy at first glance left this writer in a bit of a quandary. I am heavily in favour of downtown revitalization, yet also dead set against questionable government spending. Should the taxpayers be giving grants to owners of downtown buildings, who are often wealthier than the average citizen? Fortunately for all concerned, the term 'grant' is somewhat misleading. A grant is something that is given with no expectation of repayment.

A condition of the program is that building owners must kick in a minimum of $30,000 to receive the $10,000 from the taxpayers. Consequently their building tax assessment rises by at least $40,000, and likely far more. Given the carrying costs of the $10,000 outlay in today's low interest environment, the average taxpayer likely comes out ahead through the higher taxation of these downtown buildings. It then becomes possible to lower the tax burden on Joe and Jane Worker, or perhaps return more of the downtown taxation back to the downtown in the way of Town services.

In any case, to give credit where credit is due, what might be considered the 'Taxpayer Vitalization Investment Program' is a good solution by the Town to spur the upgrading of downtown buildings with full cost recovery built in. However, stone and wood themed buildings cannot revitalize the downtown any more than flower baskets can. Indeed, it is not all that unusual for inadequate planning and action to lead to a downtown environment that is very nice looking – and thoroughly sterile in terms of atmosphere and people. A primary case in point is the now discredited old plan for Jasper Avenue by the Edmonton town council of years past.

> *"It is not a lack of studies — complete with taxpayer's dollars flowing out of town and into the pockets of high priced consultants — holding things back."*

It is not a lack of studies — complete with local taxpayer's dollars flowing into the pockets of out of town consultants — holding things back. In 2008, development guru Roger Brooks, through his company, Destination Developments, studied Whitecourt and presented a 71 page report of comments and recommendations to the Town.

Tourism marketing was a primary focus of Brooks' efforts, but downtown revitalization was a core component of the work. Significant progress has been made on the purely tourism proscriptions and is visible in everything from better signing for Hard Luck Falls and tubing, along with top notch websites and other marketing efforts. However, the downtown revitalization component, beyond the aforementioned program for upgrading building exteriors, was left out in the cold.

In 2011, CTQ Consultants Ltd. in partnership with DCL Siemens Engineering Ltd. was awarded a project

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that specifically focused on downtown revitalization and enhancement of the Highway 43 corridor. Extensive public consultations took place. Recommendations included a possible archway entrance to the downtown and a review of Town levies and development charges. Once again, nothing of note resulted as a result of the significant dollars spent on this study.

The poor state of the Alberta economy has laid bare the situation of the downtown area and the years of inaction. One does not have to do a lot of research, or hire high priced out of town firms, to research the effects of neglected downtowns on a municipality. The area as a whole suffers. In such situations, after much damage, the downtown is eventually remediated as the downside of such a policy becomes increasingly obvious. Like most deferred maintenance, far more money has to be spent to rescue the area than it would have cost to properly maintain it in the first place.

> *"The downtown business people are more than willing to work with the Town to remediate the situation."*

A leader of the emerging Downtown Business Association (DBA), Sandy Bileau, stated they are more than willing to work with the Town to remediate the situation. It is the view here that given what they have contributed in taxes and other charges, the DBA is not asking for handouts. What could be examined is the Town priorities on spending. Basic infrastructure and services will always come first of course, to keep the community viable. However, it might be worthwhile to review the funds spent on non-essentials to see if the downtown situation is being adequately considered when it comes to discretionary Town spending.

A Legion Avenue & a Main Street.

In this writer's opinion, the Town effectively scored an 'own goal' in regards to downtown revitalization by renaming Main Street or 50th Street to Legion Street. The Legion is not on the newly named Legion Street. People have wandered into at least one erstwhile Main Street business asking where the entrance to the Legion is. To say the least, this is questionable directional or wayfaring signing. The rationale given by the Town for the renaming is that the Cenotaph is located on the street. It

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is difficult to argue against the re-naming of a street that honours our veterans, but consider the following:

Renaming 49th Avenue, where the Legion is actually located, to Legion Avenue could be far more effective in promoting the remembrance of our veterans. The once a year parade from the Legion to the Cenotaph is an important remembrance ceremony. However, the lists of our veterans and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country are also posted at the Legion. Additionally, there are photographs, mementos and three day a week easy access every week of the year to this shrine to our soldiers. An added advantage is that the Legion has an updated list of vets and those currently serving. The fundraising in the Legion also helps keep the memories and history lessons alive. It is the view here that creating confusion about the location of this important institution is not a good thing.

Going further, one could question whether the current cenotaph location is adequate. The monument is not on the heavily travelled portion of Main Street, but instead on the portion of the roadway that extends past the downtown core, virtually on the edge of town. Sidewalk traffic in this area is largely non-existent, outside of the occasional special event. Cenotaphs, for obvious reasons, are meant to be in high prestige, highly visible areas.

> *"A location worthy of the Cenotaph would be Friendship Park, which could be renamed Memorial Park."*

A location worthy of the Cenotaph would be Friendship Park, which could be renamed Memorial Park. It is inside the downtown core in a highly visible area. The infrastructure is already there, with a raised central, circular area, surrounded by a walkway complete with park benches and picnic tables that are used by office workers during the lunch hour in summer. To cap it off, the location is two doors down from the Legion, on the same avenue, of what could be called Legion Avenue. Discreet signage at the Cenotaph could also direct a visitor to the nearby Legion to see veteran photographs and mementos during opening hours.

What is more, re-locating Friendship Park to an area of Rotary Park might provide a much better fit for this worthwhile endeavour. The Town twinning program -- which includes occasional reciprocal visits between Whitecourt and Yubetsu to build international friendship and cultural understanding -- is a natural for Rotary Park. The Rotary Club itself is international in nature, with multi-national gatherings and visits between Rotary Clubs of different countries being a highlight for many members. Additionally, the park is home to many arts and cultural events that dovetail neatly with the idea behind the Yubetsu town twinning.

The move of the Cenotaph could be one big win/win/win. The Legion benefits by an Avenue name that is appropriate to its location, and by having the cenotaph almost next door in a Memorial Park location that befits its importance; the Town international friendship project becomes far more effective under the critical mass created by the many cultural events at Rotary Park, not to mention the international emphasis of the Rotary Club itself; and the beleaguered downtown businesses are not stripped of the one small natural marketing advantage they have that is to found in the Main Street designation.

Main Street is far more than a geographical location. As Wikopedia relates: "In North American media of later decades, "Main Street" represents the interests of everyday people and small business owners." Online projects creating portals for local businesses also make heavy use of the term Main Street, sometimes incorporating the words into their domain names. In short, a Main Street designation adds a dash of cachet for downtown merchants who are fighting long odds against mall shopping.

Downtown low priority again

Regarding Rotary Park, it is worthwhile pointing out that this jewel encourages locals and travellers alike to make the turnoff that skirts the edge of the core downtown business district. There has been great development on Rotary Park done by the Rotary Club, with some stellar work done by the Town. There is, however, one project that has been stalled. That project is the one where the popularity of Rotary Park would more directly benefit the downtown.

It is has been in the plans for decades, since past MLA George Vanderburg was mayor of Whitecourt and ensured a road allowance was left at the end of the current Main Street, by the Senior's Circle. That road allowance was meant to extend Main Street. At the main entrance to the park, a stub of a turnoff indicates that the roadway may still be in the works.

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However, the question remains as to why this project is given such a low priority? Much other road and parking work has been done at the park. Presenting visitors and locals with the option of using Main Street on their way into and out of the park would create much needed traffic downtown. A nice archway entry into Rotary Park would also look good and enhance both Main Street and the Park.

Highway Commercial Bylaw

An important element for downtown revitalization is the Town bylaw restricting retail outlets on the highway. Again, as a free enterpriser, I am somewhat ambivalent about government deciding what goes where beyond zoning laws that make obvious sense; such as not putting a cement factory next to a residence and so on. However, if the Town is going to have such a bylaw, one has to question the consistency of the enforcement. The recent Town decision, albeit not unanimous, to allow the Jobsite workwear store to re-locate up the hill had some downtown merchants upset.

An elected Town official defended the Town by stating they have refused 'some' requests for retail to locate on the hill. Discretionary use is a valid and valuable Town zoning tool. However, in my view, the latitude given in the case of Hilltop retail is too wide. As a downtown business person, I would have little to no indication of whether I could move a certain type shop up this hill because of the vague wording in the Municipal Development Plan (MDP) and subsequent bylaw. The MDP for 2015 reiterates the 2008 MDP emphasis on promoting a viable downtown. It goes on to say that commercial outlets on the highway be: "oriented to serving tourists or the travelling public or restricted to small retail outlets."

Small retail outlets as a whole constitute the heart and soul of downtown. If the MDP policy is to promote the downtown by restricting hilltop retail, could there not be some more specific language? I'm not experienced at wording such things, but it seems the small retail outlet designation should be qualified more, with specific allowances such

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What do REAs and coyotes have in common?

Rural Electrification Associations (REA) and coyotes are survivors. Both exist in rural Alberta and those that have survived have adapted over time to a changing environment. While the coyote might be a nuisance, no one can deny that it is a determined survivor and great adapter. Like the coyote, REAs continue to survive and adapt despite changes and challenges in the marketplace.

The battle for survival will demand REA members get as excited and energized about their electricity distribution system cooperative as those who first established the REAs. Over six decades ago it was easy to get excited about being a member of the REA because it literally meant you would finally have access to electricity. That's old hat now, so members will have to decide whether local control and ownership appeals to them. If it does, and if having a not for profit electricity distribution system that keeps money in the community is important, then it's time to get excited again. Gone are the days of apathy. Members will have to show up and ***get plugged into their REAs*** if they want to enjoy the benefits of cooperatively owning an electricity distribution system and having a say in their own rates.

Anyone with their finger on the pulse knows that rural Albertans are an independent lot. They like the idea of having some control over their destiny and some say in how things happen. Those same ideas were at the root of the cooperative REA movement over sixty years ago and they continue to energize REA members today. Alberta REA members are not ready to go quietly into a future without input or ownership rights.

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to the Group Committee. Cubs were not active again until 1961, when they organized briefly under the leadership of Lawrence Fisk, a United Church Student Minister. At this time, the Group Committee was made up of Gordon Renton, John Utas and Clara Barnhart. When Mr. Fisk's ministerial duties took him away from the Fort, Eugene Redington took over as Cubmaster; assistants were Neale Darling and Allan Renton. Meetings for all these years were held in the United Church, which was also the group's sponsoring body.

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In March of 1976, the first Fort Assiniboine Beavers, Cubs and Scouts were formed. Scouting was now open to all boys between the ages of five and fourteen years of age, under the sponsorship of the Fort Assiniboine Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion.

Some Scouts September 1979.

The first members of this Group Committee were: Jean Gilbertson, Susanne Davison, Judi Hahn, Dorothy Wieringa, Claude Ryckman and Mary Cartwright. Leaders were: Scouts Mona Unrau, Shelly and Bob Keenan; Cubs Lester Cartwright, Larry Eh!, Norma Williams, Art Wieringa, Frieda Nelisher; Beavers — Tom Lawton and Dorothy Wieringa. Beavers age group was five to seven. Cubs seven to eleven and Scouts eleven to fourteen.

Up to the present time, Scouting has been very active in the Fort District, with an average yearly membership of fifty-five boys, eight leaders and eight Group Committee members.

The boys have taken part in activities from Fort Assiniboine to Montana, Stettler to Jasper. They have raced Kamotiks in Edmonton, scaled mountains in the Jasper Park, taken first aid instruction, survival courses and have done their best in Beavers, Cuborees and Camporees in their districts and others. While experiencing the brotherhood, friendship and fellowship that is part of Scouting, they have learned to sharpen old skills, acquire new ones, become leaders and doers, and contribute their own "specialness" that helps to build a community.

Scouting recognizes those who give that special bit extra with a very coveted award the Chief Scout Award. This award is given to less than five percent of all boys registered in Scouting. In 1979, five boys from Fort Assiniboine received this honor: Stan Murry, Mark Robinson, Mintoo Basahti, Jay Unrau and Bobby Nelson. In 1981, Paul Gilbertson and Perry Murry became "Chief Scouts."

In 1979, the Scouting movement grew to include Venturers (age fourteen to seventeen) and Rovers (age seventeen to twenty-four).

In 1981, five venturers attained the status of Queen's Venturer, again, a very high honor, attained by only a

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in the movement today. Some have moved on to other communities and are active in Scouting there, and many of those who are no longer in the group are still strong supporters.

The support and encouragement of parents, sponsors, businesses, service clubs and the general public is largely responsible for the great success Scouting has enjoyed in this community.

C.G.I.T. and ForTeen Clubs

About 1946 when Kay McDonald was district nurse here a C.G.I.T. group was formed. This gave the young teen-age girls from around the Fort a chance to get together, have their meeting which was held at the nurse's cottage and then have supper or a wiener roast etc.

Trailfinders (boys club), For Teen (teen girls club) at a picnic parade abourt 1947. Swan Monson driving car.

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small percentage of boys registered in Scouting. The recipients of this award were: Stan Murry, Mark Robinson, Jay Unrau, David Utas and Kendrick Bradley.

CJ81 — The Canadian Scout Jamboree held in Kananaskis County, near Banff, was attended by twenty-nine thousand boys and leaders. Eighteen of this number was the Fort Assiniboine Contingent, fifteen boys and three leaders — an event that will live in their memories forever.

Over fifty percent of the persons who joined Scouting in March of 1976 (boys and adults) are still active

The names of some of the group were: Ann Ryckman, Marlene McArthur, Jean Lewis, Anne Lawton, May Failing, Barbara Bennett, Shirley Combes, Betty Coley. Marlene McArthur and Anne Lawton attended C.G.I.T. camp at Fallis one summer.

After Kay MacDonald left there was no one to lead

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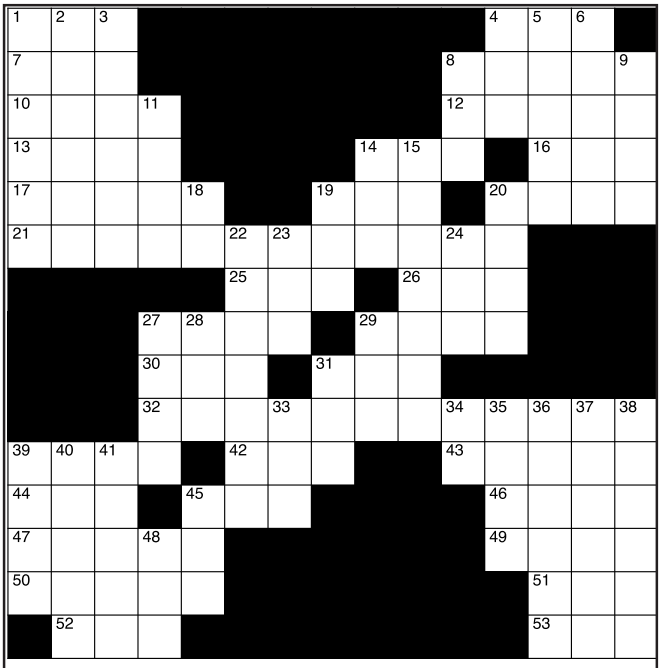

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1. Austrian river
4. Type of lunar crater
7. Taoism
8. German landscape painter
10. Big players do this
12. Nose cone
13. Islamic republic
14. Press against
16. Where you find corn
17. Battery cell
19. Score
20. Swiss river
21. The Babe's real name
25. Use it to clean
26. Supervises flying
27. Surfboard fin
29. Aggressive dogs
30. Makes computers
31. Buddy
32. Existing everywhere
39. Cheek
42. Comes in bags
43. British hip hop artist
44. Resinous substance
45. Pitcher Dillon
46. Preceded Galba
47. Not behind
49. Students dread this
50. Pasta
51. Northeast and east
52. Begetter
53. Diego, Francisco, Anselmo to name a few

CLUES DOWN

1. Incorporating
2. Piper ___, actress
3. Principality
4. Famous bounty hunter
5. Chilean seaport
6. Relish
8. Throng
9. One point east of southeast
11 Knot in a tree
14. Revolutionary women (abbr.)
15. Containerfuls
18. Unit of weight
19. Al Bundy's wife
20. Genus of ducks
22. Christian hermit
23. Witch
24. Average accounting return
27. Type of chef
28. Barbie's pal
29. Ford makes this
31. Goes with carrot
33. 'Orange is the New Black' character
34. Anno Domini (in the year of Our Lord)
35. Unaccompanied
36. Wild goats
37. National capital
38. Freeholders
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40. Expressed pleasure
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as for the required convenience stores and so on.

If memory serves correct, the rationale for allowing the Jobsite workwear store to re-locate on the highway was that it was a business that travelling workers might want to take advantage of, or possibly "oriented to the travelling public" in the words of the MDP. Truth be told, if the Jobsite store is put in this category, then just about any retail business qualifies. A traveller might want work boots, or perhaps to buy some clothing forgotten at home for their vacation, or maybe gifts for people they are visiting, games to keep the kids quiet during the trip and pretty well anything else, beyond some perishable goods. What the message of retail shops on the highway corridor say in so many words is: "there is no reason to turn off into our business district".

We have word from the Town that they are aware that "communities with fractured retail do not tend to see success", yet we have Al's Sports Quest selling shoes and clothing as well as sporting goods up the hill, Bow Meats store, and then its replacement, and now the Job Site Workwear. Previously there was the Stoney Creek Outfitting store that opened in one hilltop location, and then moved to another, before closing. This is all water under the bridge now, and these locations would have to be grandfathered in, out of common decency and possible legal action regarding the merchants involved. However, one has to ask, where does it end? What constitutes fracturing the retail sector of Whitecourt?

Hinton is a primary example of such 'fractured retail', with retail sections up the hill, and also in the traditional downtown. Neither is doing well, as the critical mass is missing from a population that is inadequate to properly support both. The local population is needed because not enough travellers stop to shop to keep any business viable.

Meanwhile, downtown, the Midtown Mall has plans to fill the largest of many empty main floor spots with a second used goods thift store downtown. As a supporter of such shops, I still have to say it does not go well with the upgraded look of the Mall. It also could put a crimp in the excellent work being done by the Repeat Boutique on the fringe of the downtown core. I support the right of anyone to open a shop anywhere that complies with the bylaws. Still one wonders if another second hand thift shop downtown would be viable in such upgraded premises as the Midtown Mall, were downtown revitalization further along. It is possible that the original upscale apparel store would not have closed in the first place at that location, or would have sold, or that another higher end business would have taken its place. As well, it is quite possible a retail store located on the hilltop would have located in one of five empty Midtown Mall spots, if the spirit of the Hilltop retail bylaw was consistently enforced. The tiny Plaza One mall next door, which has one of six bays rented, might have been another option for the hilltop businesses, to help create critical mass for small, independent retail in Whitecourt. Indeed, Bow's Meats was in Plaza One, before it re-located up the hill, and consequently closed down.

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Getting Started with Solutions

In the next issue of the Advisor, possible solutions for downtown revitalization will be explored in more detail. There is no one silver bullet of course to turn things around of course. Directional signs placed at the main highway turnoff constitute but one small piece of the puzzle.

Keeping a Main Street designation and eliminating a somewhat punishing parking surcharge policy will also add to downtown viability. A Legion Avenue, with a downtown Cenotaph, and maybe a surplus artillery piece, or tank in a Memorial Park would be a nice touch.

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Scouts and Leaders, April 1979. L-R: Mona Unrau, Jay Unrau, Mark Robinson, Bobby Nelson, M. Basahti, Stan Murry, Al Unrau. Awards Night Government House.

4-H Dairy Club 1972-1973. Joanne Rattray, Shirley Graham, Kay Graham, Donna Williams, Irene Kuelken, Jack Rattray. Back Row: Kevin Williams, Janet Rattray, Donna Anderson, Carol Williams, Kenny Graham, Glen Mitchell, Ivan Williams.

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the C.G.I.T. group so when Miss Weder came as district nurse we formed the ForTeen Club. A few more members joined at this time including Marlene and Pearl Kepke, Dolly Schulte, Lorraine Donovan, Patsy Dabels, Ruby Carter, Trinka Kluin, Martha English and Angelina Cartwright to name some of them. We still had our cook-outs and camp-outs including one where we spent the weekend at Bear Creek in the sandhills and really had a lot of fun. On one occasion we travelled to Lac La Nonne by school bus. We also presented a hillbilly performance, and participated in several picnic parades.

When Miss Weder left Miss Ambrose, also a district nurse, carried on as club leader. In the early 1950's, when Miss Ambrose left, the club folded.

Trails Home; A History of Mayerthorpe and Districts is available at the Mayerthorpe Public Library. Please call (780) 786-2416 for more information. The local Whitecourt history books, **Sagitawah Saga - The Story of Whitecourt**, and, **Whitecourt, A History 1975 - 2010**, are available at the Whitecourt Public Library, Whitecourt and Area Heritage Society located at the Forestry Interpretive Centre, The Town of Whitecourt office and the Allan & Jean Millar Centre.

Guess Who?

1

I am a comic actress born on August 22, 1973 in New York. As a young adult I studied art at the University of Arizona, then decided to pursue acting. I've been on Saturday Night Live and have appeared in several popular movies.

Find answer in this issue.

Guess Who?

2

I'm a director born on August 16, 1954 in Canada. I dropped out of college before graduation and worked as a truck driver before writing my first film. I have gone on to direct many titanic hits.

Find answer in this issue.

Crossword Answer

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And if it is agreed by the Town that fracturing retail is to be avoided in a community of our size, then it stands to reason that the Town Municipal Development Plans and bylaws should be more adequately worded and enforced to eliminate all such fracturing.

Completing the long delayed road from Rotary Park to Main Street will also provide a boost in downtown traffic and more closely tie the downtown core into this amazing local accomplishment.

Additional downtown promotions, along the lines of the successful Christmas is for Kids, are already in their nascent stages, with the first Spring Hop held last spring and the second Fall Festival coming up on Saturday, September 17.

Other downtown improvements to explore could be more outdoor patios for the summer, maybe a local currency in the way of Downtown Dollars, more public awareness of the benefits of shopping locally, with the Town leading the way by example, and so on. It is even possible that some signage promoting the downtown can go on the little used, $420,000 pedway the Town was required to install in order to have a rail crossing at 47 street.

The big question, as always, is how such activities are going to be paid for, in both time and money. No doubt, the businesses involved will continue to contribute substantially to both, as they should. However, is there a case to be made that the taxes that flow out of the downtown are maybe not flowing back as much as they should? There is talk of a Business Revitalization Zone (BRZ), which entails yet another tax on beleaguered downtown businesses to fund downtown revitalization work. Perhaps there is a way to ensure the downtown tax burden does not increase with the advent of a BRZ by taking a closer look at existing downtown tax assessments and re-considering the priorities of other non-essential Town spending.

The Advisor will cover downtown revitalization possibilities in more depth in future issues. Use will be made of the existing studies. Please feel free to email suggestions of what you would like to see downtown to advisor@ozmedia.ca.

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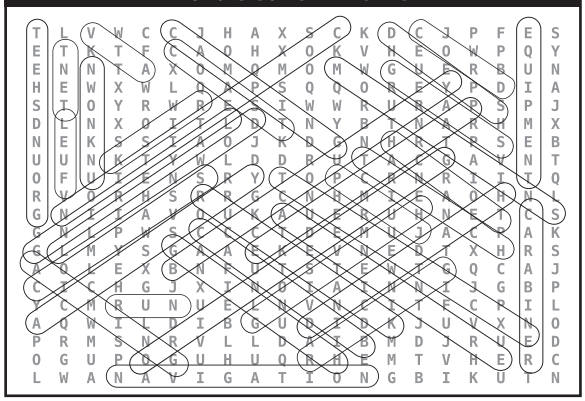
1	9	4	2	7	6	5	8	3
4	3	2	5	8	7	6	1	9
6	5	7	9	2	1	4	3	8
8	1	9	6	3	4	2	5	7
9	4	1	7	6	3	8	2	5
7	2	5	4	9	8	3	6	1
3	8	6	1	5	2	7	9	4

Word Search Answer



Spelling Quiz

1.) **absence**
2.) recoup
3.) ancillary

Vocabulary

1.) not suitable
2.) on a used envelope
3.) unavoidable

Word Jumble

1.) wane/wean
2.) imbed
3.) hubcap
4.) sanctum

Guess Who?

Page 22/1 - Answer: Kristen Wiig
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