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Above, candidates in the upcoming election relax in a back room, prior to one-on-one meetings with interested citizens. See page 8 and 9 for more.

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From Sagitiwa to Whitecourt A Salute to the Pioneers - Part 6

By Jerry Graham. Thank you to John Dahl and the late Vic Young for their help in obtaining original manuscript.

Getting back to Whitecourt we now set out over what was called the Greencourt Trail, and after ascending the hill we come to the homestead of Jas. Hobbs, in the area now occupied by Amoco (Pan Am.) offices. Also close by is the homestead

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Mini Olympics - Corporate Challenge

Event date: 10/13/2017 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

We'll set out the challenges, you bring the competitors! Bring the best and brightest from your workplace and see how you stack up against the rest! We want to see what this community is made of! Bragging rights are once again up for grabs. Come out for a three-legged, relay racing, washer tossing good time! Come on - we dare you! Come for the glory but stay for the great prizes and snacks.... cheerleaders welcome!

Friday, October 13, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
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Event date: 10/14/2017 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

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October 14 - Nerf Mania

Lunch & Learn

Event date: 10/20/2017 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

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Teen Monthly Mayhem Night

Event date: 10/20/2017 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM

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Allan & Jean Millar Centre
Friday, October 20

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Pirate Swim

Event date: 10/21/2017 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Come join some scallywags at the Alliance Pipeline Aquatic Centre at the Allan & Jean Millar Centre. Visit the tattoo parlor, fish for treasure and dodge flying cannon balls. Don't be a landlubber, jump in or ye'll be walkin' the plank!

Saturday, October 21

6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Members: Free, Non-Members: Admission fee to the Allan & Jean Millar Centre

Breakfast with the Guys

Event date: 10/25/2017 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM

The Whitecourt Family Violence Initiative is calling on the men of Whitecourt! Come and enjoy a delicious catered breakfast while listening to a presentation on how men play a crucial role in making positive change in the lives of women and girls living with abuse. Let's bring the men in our community together: the leaders in business, industry, sports, media and government, as well as the everyday guys! You can make a BIG difference!

Businesses are encouraged to buy a table of 8 and send some male employees! Support this worthwhile cause! Pre-registration is required. \$15/person. Contact Lesley at 780-268-0545 or lesleylawton@whitecourt.ca for more information or to buy tickets.



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- Fraser Institute.

Change needed at all levels

Previously, the Advisor had stayed neutral during municipal elections. However, for the 2017 contest, the time honoured tradition of openly endorsing a candidate will be followed here. The reasons for this have primarily to do with concerns over growing government spending and the resultant higher taxation. Mayoral candidate Darlene Chartrand has campaigned and voted during her time on council for more transparency in budgetary processes and reduced government spending.



Incumbents, especially at the municipal level, statistically have a significant advantage. Dennis Pilon, associate professor in the political science department of York University wrote: "At the municipal level, it is hard for voters to participate. Voters don't have time to be policy experts." The same problem does not occur as much at the provincial and federal because most voters have a better

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Above, kids and a kid, during the Downtown Fall Festival. Livestock provided by farmer Gayle Mombourquette. Right, kids have fun on one of the many attractions.

Downtown revitalization slowly moving along.

The annual Downtown Fall Festival continues to grow, with the one this year being by far the best attended yet. It is one of several initiatives under-way to revitalize the downtown.

The next meeting of the downtown association takes place on November 6. Items on the agenda will include an update on Town efforts, including a parking study and signage update. A Society Application for a downtown association is also on the table.

As before, downtown revitalization expert Roger Brooks has identified having a well connected champion as a key component for a successful downtown. Once the October Municipal elections are done, hopefully the Town can move things such as the signage saga along at a faster clip.

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Thursday, October 5, 2017, starts at 5:30pm
Location: Royal Canadian Legion in Whitecourt

Forum Timeline

5:30pm - 6:00pm - Northern Gateway School Board Trustees

6:00pm - 6:45pm - Woodland County Council Candidates

6:45pm - 8:00pm - Town of Whitecourt Council Candidates

8:00pm - 9:00 pm - Town of Whitecourt Mayoral Candidates

Candidates will be given a limited time to provide their political platforms, followed by moderated Q&A from residents.

2017 Municipal Election Nominations - Official List

Whitecourt

Mayor: Maryann Chichak (incumbent), Darlene Chartrand

Council (six seats): Paul Chauvet (Incumbent), Matt Connell, Stacy Crossland, Ray Hilts, Norm Hodgson (incumbent), Dana Kentner, Serena Lapointe, Bill McAree (incumbent), Tom Pickard, Derek Schlosser (incumbent), Crystal Stephen

Woodlands County

Division 1 - Anselmo: Sylvia Bonnett (incumbent) (acclaimed)

Division 2 - Whitecourt West: John Burrows, Chad Merrifield (incumbent)

Division 3 - Whitecourt Central: Alan Deane, Ron Govenlock (incumbent), Tina Prodaniuk

Division 4 - Whitecourt East: Jim Rennie (incumbent) (acclaimed)

Division 5 - Blue Ridge: Bruce Prestidge, Daniel Pritchard (incumbent), Irene Sawyer

Division 6 - Goose Lake/Freeman River: Peter Kuelken, Dale McQueen (incumbent)

Division 7 - Fort Assiniboine/Timeu: Dale Kluin (incumbent), Terrance O'Brien, Jason Price

Mayerthorpe

All candidates were acclaimed and no election will take place.

Mayor: Kate Patrick (incumbent)

Council: Bernie Jogola (incumbent), Pat Burns (incumbent), Patrick Hagman (incumbent), Sandy Morton (incumbent), Jonathan Arseanult, Janet Jabush

Northern Gateway Public Schools

Mayerthorpe/Blue Ridge: Diane Hagman (acclaimed)

Whitecourt - two seats: Jim Govenlock (incumbent), Barb Maddigan, Linda Wigton

Fox Creek: Jim Hailes, Lara Stadnyk, Ethan George Thesen

Living Waters Catholic Schools

Whitecourt - Ward 3 two seats: Dana Kentner (incumbent) (acclaimed), Irene Sawyer (incumbent) (acclaimed).

Where to Vote

Advance Vote - Wednesday, October 11, 2017
11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Whitecourt
Seniors Circle (5212 50 Street)

Election Day - Monday, October 16, 2017
10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Whitecourt
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Voter Eligibility

Voter eligibility requirements pursuant to s. 47(1) of the Local Authorities Election Act:

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Vehicle insurance certificate;

Statement of government benefits (employ-
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Attestation of Residence issued by the respon-
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For a complete list of authorized identification,
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tion on the October 16 Election Day or the Advance
Vote Day scheduled for October 11, 2017.

MONTHLY QUIZ SPELLING

- 1) Slight wish: "vel ee i tee"
- 2) Manger model of Bethlehem; "kresh"
- 3) Flower; "a nem oh nee"

VOCABULARY

- 1) **A Caldera:** is associated with a: mall, volcano, city lights, eclipse
- 2) **Calliope:** musical instrument, petticoat, corona, cadet
- 3) **Calumny:** accountancy, cruet, slander, disaster

WORD JUMBLE

- 1) K I C Y
- 2) S P Y G Y
- 3) T E V A C A
- 4) T R I D A N A

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If letter slant to the right:
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friendly, impulsive, and
emotionally open.

If letters are straight up and
down: The sign of someone who's
ruled by the head, not the heart.

Letters that slant in more than
one direction: Indicates versatility
and adaptability.

An erratic slant: Usually
means a lack of flexibility.

Heavy pressure writing (like
you can feel the rib made on the
back of the paper): The writer is
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Moderate pressure (the
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Light pressure: Indicates someone who seems to take life in stride.

Tiny letters: Indicate the writer is has somewhat low self esteem but is intelligent.

Small letters: The hallmark of quiet, introspective types – they're generally detail-oriented and have good concentration.

Large letters: Sign of a confident, easygoing individual.

Huge letters: Indicate someone who's theatrical, usually loud, and needs to be the center of attention at all times.

Wide letters (their width and height are about the same): The mark of someone who's open and friendly.

Narrow letters: Show someone who's somewhat shy and inhibited but very self-disciplined.

Letters that don't touch: Indicate an impulsive, artistic, sometimes impractical free thinker.

Some letters connecting: Means the writer's personality blends logic and intuition.

All letters making contact: The sign of someone who's highly cautious.

A curved first mark: Shows a person who's traditional and plays by the rules.

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A final stroke straight across: The writer is cautious.

An end mark that curves up: Reveals generosity.

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A: They have no body to love

Q: What's a ghouls favorite bean?

A: A human bean.

Q: Why did the ghost go into the bar?

A: For the Boos.

Q: Why did the headless horseman go into business?

A: He wanted to get ahead in life.

Q: The maker of this product does not want it, the buyer does not use it, and the user does not see it. What is it?

A: A coffin.

Q: Why don't mummies take time off?

A: They're afraid to unwind.

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Highway to Greencourt, 1920

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of William M. Glass, a southern gentleman from Georgia, with a real pleasing southern accent and personality. The term “southern gentleman” is at times used very loosely, but Mr. Glass exemplified it perfectly. A man of extremely high moral character, who rarely if ever spoke of his home in Georgia. It was later learned when the author was assisting in the winding up of Mr. Glass’ Estate, that Mr. Glass had been admitted to the bar in his home state, information he never divulged during his many years in Whitecourt.

What brought him here or why he chose to remain here and do a bit of carpentry will never be known, but from his exemplary conduct at all times coupled with his honesty and integrity, it is safe to assume he was not “hiding out”. His reason, if any died with him.

Joe Johnston came next. He was located in that area now occupied by The Glenview Motel.

About here the trail left what is now Highway 43, and proceeded to angle over “Switchback”, a very sandy dogleg that took a bit of negotiating with a Model T Ford, a fact to which the author will readily testify. A man by the name of Van Tack had a holding in that area, and did a bit of brick manufacturing in a sort of crude way. Much in the fashion of sun dried bricks known as adobe in Mexico and elsewhere. Here again, talent was revealed, when this party enacted a scene from *Oliver Twist* at one of the Christmas concerts. His rendition of ‘Fagin’ was superb and no wonder; we later learned that he had been a professional actor at one time.

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*Beaver Bridge — “Main Highway”.
Picture taken between 1910 and 1920.*

Beaver Creek was once a great place for fishing in Whitecourt and area.

Chamber helps celebrate Small Business Week 2017

The nominations are in for the Whitecourt and District Chamber of Commerce business awards. Winners will be announced during a Small Business Week Gala on October 21. The Chamber would like to encourage all businesses and community members to get their tickets to attend this fantastic opportunity to come together to recognize the accomplishments of our Small Business Community.

Tickets can be purchased online by going to <http://bit.ly/2ttmjpa> or at the Forest Interpret Centre.

Nominees for SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR are:

Happy Tree, Beaver Creek General Store
Chez Nous, Linh's Kitchen
Make My Fun Hobbies & Toys
North Country Market
Evermore Artistry
T Cruz Contracting
Catering by Mama Grays
Janke Financial Services & Kal Tire

Nominees for STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Margo Salcedo – Days Inn & Suites
Jensen – Rexall
Clara Gann – Global Pets
Jeff – Make My Fun Hobby & Toys
Amanda Stanchfield – Remax
Crystal – McDonalds
Jenna Shewchuk – Eye Wear & Vision Centre
Kim Rizzoli – Holiday Inn Express & Suites
Jesse Sarvis – CJ's Liquor
Robin McAurthor – Straight Arrow Screening
Tiffany Furlong – Auto Mall
Kelly Gray – Catering by Mama Gray
Brenda Hawkins – Janke Financial
Malinda Newhook – Violet Mae's Bakery
Vicki Westendorf – Liquor Depot
Byron Baker – Community Lunchbox
Lori Sprlak – Community Lunchbox
Todd Fraser – Community Lunchbox
Shawna Binkley – Community Lunchbox
Quinn Fisher – Community Lunchbox
Janice Milligan – Servus Credit Union
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Syd. Smith, already mentioned had a home-
stead in this same area,
and a short distance
along the way, and down
by the Beaver Creek, Leo
Baxter was getting estab-
lished. Leo, a New Bruns-
wicker, had noticed fish
in the creek, and that did
it. The fish were not her-
ring to be sure, but what
a substitute they made,
and besides catching
them was fun.

Leo often contrib-
uted his bit at the local
concerts, etc. he being
especially good with
selections from Henry
Drummond. He and his
brother Harold blended
their voices nicely in
some of the old ballads,
and as a change of pace,
Harold would take hold
of a guitar while Leo
fiddled. The pace sel-
dom slackened. Leo and
Mrs. Baxter raised a fam-
ily there, and still reside
there, even if the fish-
ing is nowhere nearly as
good as it used to be.

Next, and down by
the Beaver Creek we
found Jim Hammond.
This man had a wealth of
stories concerning life in
and around Montana. He
always sported a pair of
torn overalls, and it was
really puzzling how even
a brand new pair could
develop this torn condi-
tion, so much in keeping

with the man, in twenty-
four hours or less!

As a story teller and a
humorist he was superb,
and equal to many of

the stand-up comedians
now appearing on T.V.
Possibly not too difficult
a task. Jim had a homely
philosophy, an insatiable
appetite for Piper He-

idsick chewing tobacco
and genuine love for his
fellow man.

Ascending the hill
which we call the Mc-

Who's Who in the Electricity Zoo

KEEPING TRACK IN A CHANGING MARKETPLACE

AFREA has been busy keeping up with developments in the electricity sector and advocating on behalf of our member REAs. Listed below with a summary description, are a few of the items we have been working on and information about the regulatory bodies we interact with when we represent you.

1. The Market Surveillance Administrator is **reviewing the Regulated Rate Option** at Alberta Energy's request. On June 1, 2017, the Regulated Rate Option was capped at \$0.068/kWh through passage of Bill 16 in the Legislative Assembly. The AFREA continues to provide feedback on this change and is working closely with the MSA.
2. FortisAlberta Inc. has **applied for an order from the Alberta Utilities Commission** to: a) confirm its service areas on land annexed by municipalities, and b) compel REAs to turn over wires, substations, and their corresponding members. AUC Proceeding 22164 is ongoing. It directly involves three REAs that are AFREA members. The AFREA is representing its members and one additional REA in disputing this application. We have engaged legal counsel and technical consulting expertise to assist us.
3. The Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) is tasked **with investigating distribution-connected generation**. Proceeding 22534 involves how renewable (solar, wind, hydro) and alternative energy sources could be expanded in Alberta to produce electricity close to power users. The AFREA is participating as a key stakeholder in this proceeding, at the request of the AUC.
4. In June 2017, the AUC approved changes to **Rule 024: Rules Respecting Micro-Generation**. The AFREA has represented our members' interests in this Consultation. The Rule changes were effective July 4, 2017.

After 75 years in the business, the environment has likely never been more complex than it is now. Even in these far-reaching scenarios, we have not mentioned all the agencies involved in running Alberta's electricity industry.

While we ask for member input into these cases, we recognize it's a zoo—not just technical detail, but of too many acronyms and players to keep track of. But it is possible. Here's a list of "who's who" to detangle it for you.

Thank you to our member REAs for representing their members and the unique nature of their REA when providing input. It will continue to be needed! Please keep reading your E-News for updates in these matters.

You can influence the future of all REAs by staying engaged in this way.

KEY ELECTRICITY PLAYERS IN ALBERTA

Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC): Our principal regulator—the AUC operates with many of the same powers as a court of law.

Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO): The AESO operates the provincial power grid 24/7 by dispatching the power sold by generators.

Balancing Pool: The Balancing Pool is an independent corporation created to market power from older generation contracts that were unsold after the electricity market was deregulated.

Market Surveillance Administrator (MSA): The MSA monitors the wholesale electricity, retail electricity, and natural gas markets investigating issues that come to its attention through surveillance or complaints.

Utilities Consumer Advocate (UCA): The UCA represents, informs, and educates consumers on electricity (utility) matters.

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on, P. Knust had cleared, and was farming, what in the days referred to, was known as a "fair sized patch".

Thereafter, one ran out of what was known as settled area until he started getting fairly close to what was known as Lonira. We should not overlook however, one Billy Meeres who was farming in on Beaver Creek, three miles or maybe more off the so-called highway.

Also near the Beaver, we had Currie, J.H.P. Cross, and Ausmans, while Cochran Brothers, Pete and Bud, were getting to go ranching around there.

Meeres lived on the south side of Beaver Creek and his farm known as Meere's Crossing was a real good fishing spot. Meeres liked nothing better than fiddling at the dances (an all night job, usually from possibly nine in the evening until possibly six or so next morning!) The music, by the way, consisted of a small reed organ (played by Mrs. Ward) while Billy Meeres or Danny Eraser bore down on the fiddle. Not being altogether conversant with modern trends, the author is unable to say whether this was 'soul music' or not, but at least it was satisfying.

Caffrey Hill, (bypassed by Highway 43) we next come to the farm where Jim and Frank McCaffrey, two brothers, lived. They had done a tremen-

dous lot of work carving a farm out of heavily timbered land, and they were not young men by any means and had arrived in Whitecourt from

Coeur D'Alene, Idaho. Both died here.

Jesse French also had his holding in this area and just a bit farther

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Nashville US
2. What is the closest body of water (river, bay, sea, or ocean) to the below city/country/island?
Montevideo Uruguay
3. The Atlas mountains are primarily located in:
Europe; Africa; Mideast; Russia; South America

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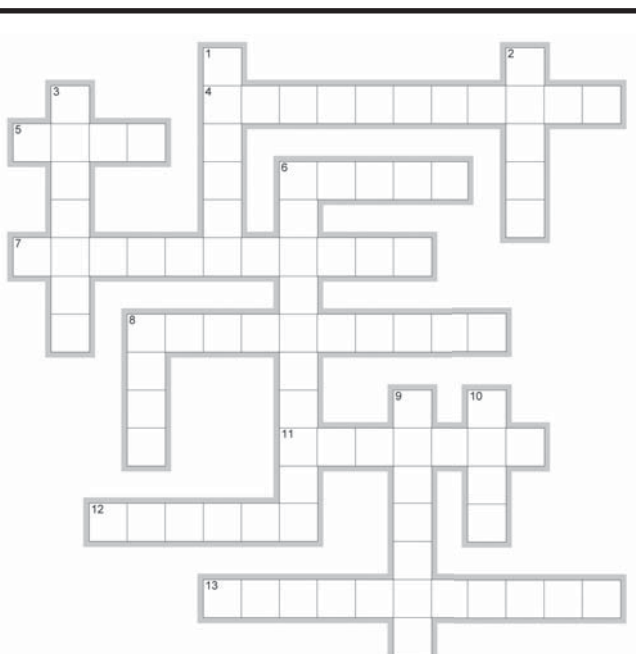
WORD SEARCH

Dance crazes - Word Search

Find the words hidden in the grid of letters.

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O O M L T G P A V R E E T R E E Q
B C B L E U O M B L E T C C Q L A
O K F V U C S O L M E J N K I Y N
T I O P M X T I W N U A E N J T E
H N O O N O R R E E D Z D H S S R
E G T H U H O Y I N I Y S P T N A
T B L P T U E N E C H G U B V O C
W Q O I A D S K W O S P O O W E A
I A O H J C C T P A M L G O L N M
S J S O T I M Q U U L U I E B A E
T H E Z H S A Y J M E K F D F I X
J Z Y C D O T H E D O U G I E T I

BOOGIE WOOGIE
BREAKING
CHICKEN DANCE
COTTEN EYED JOE
DO THE DOUGIE
ELECTRIC SLIDE
FOOTLOOSE
HIP HOP
JUMP UP
LINDY HOP
LOCKING
MACARENA
MOONWALK
NEON STYLE
ROBOT
THE HUSTLE
THE JERK
THE TWIST
THRILLER
VOGUE
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Across

4. All the goods in a store
5. A large complex of stores
6. Where women usually carry their money
7. Where you go to try on clothes (2 words)
8. The plastic way to pay (2 words)
11. Plan where the buyer reserves an item, makes small payments and then claims after it is paid in full
12. What all retailers hope to make
13. Department where computers, tablets and phones are sold

Down

1. World's largest online retailer
2. A walkway between rows of products
3. Person who collects your payment
6. Where you put your car while you shop (2 words)
8. A four-wheeled device in which you collect your purchases
9. The largest retailer in the world
10. What every shopper loves

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ects on the list that have not been completed within a 2 year period and revert the funds allocated for those projects back into operating, extending the life span on equipment replacement where possible, disallow overstated expenses to automatically roll over into a reserve without any consultation by Council and cut back on the use of Consultants just to name a few.

I can truthfully say that as a Council we have minimal discussion with respect to areas we could cut back during the budget deliberations. I, like everyone else, would like to provide the highest standard of living for our residents as possible; however, we have to make sure that we don't bankrupt the ratepayer in the process. I have spoken with a couple of the incumbent Councillors and they agree that we have not done our due diligence in the area of budgeting and would like a more comprehensive review process undertaken at budget time. The Mayor has the ability to set that course of action.

Although I have been the lone dissenting vote on many occasions I believe my colleagues have a respect for my opinions. In my assessment, part of the problem is that we don't thoroughly review some of the issues prior to making the decision. It is easy to simply maintain the status quo. I suggested Council workshops at our retreat in January this year so we could have a complete understanding of some complicated issues. All of Council participated in those workshops and the feedback was very positive.

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idea where a candidate stands politically because of party affiliation. A conservative party candidate will tend towards business friendly policies and lower deficits, while an NDP candidate will lean the other way.

Low voter knowledge, according to Pilon, can result in situations where a person is elected continuously for decades at a time. "Since we have low voter knowledge, you could end up with a situation like in Mississauga where the mayor was there for 29 years," Pilon said, referencing former Mississauga mayor Hazel McCallion. According to Pilon, it represents a public disengagement.

To be fair, that person could also be doing an excellent job and be the most qualified for the position.

At the mayoral level, an incumbent can have an additional advantage through a higher public profile. Ribbon cuttings, quotes in the press, meetings with other government levels, all feature prominently in raising the profile of the incumbent. So it's an uphill climb in advocating for change agents. This is particularly true in this case, since incumbent mayor Maryann Chickak is a nice person. However, sometimes going along to get along can create more problems than it solves when it comes to government spending and secrecy.

Most of our debt occurs at the provincial and federal levels, and so is beyond the control of municipal politicians. What is at issue here whether the municipal government bucks the trend of higher taxes and spending at the municipal level, or falls in

line, or even embraces higher levels of government spending and higher taxation. Of course, what the money is spent on is also important. Where are the priorities?

As this writer commented online recently, the quality of life aspect created by Parks and Recreation budget is important, and Rotary Park is simply amazing. However, in looking at the 2016 budget and one sees that 27 cents of every tax assessment dollar goes to the Park and Recs budget, with more than 20 cents of every tax dollar spent on entertainment in the operating budget. It is by far the largest budget item in both tax assessment and operating expenses, with the less fun roads and sewers getting about half of what this sector gets. I went to the first Children's Fest and was amazed at the out of town talent, which included touring jugglers from New York. However, would the kids even know the difference if there was more under-employed creative local artists to amuse the children? Going more local would also have the result of making this event affordable for poorer families, while taking less from our taxes at the same time.

If property assessments and mill rate increases are taken together the rise in Whitecourt's taxation looks be substantially more than the rate of inflation. On an anecdotal level, it was not difficult to find combined assessment and mill rate rises that jumped substantially. From past experience, it would take some doing to get the information needed to form an overall calculation for the town. However, the average voter should be able to assess their own situation and if they are happy with it. Even if all incumbents get re-elected, they will respond to the concerns of an informed electorate.

CROSSWORD ANSWER



Calling all Artists & Art Lovers

The Whitecourt and Woodlands Performing Arts Society is putting on a night of live art, live music and excitement in Whitecourt on November 4th, 2017. There will be a night of live competitive painting, live music by pop, funk and RnB sensations Mercy Funk, a live Disc Jockey, and a curated art exhibition. Bar service and appetizers are available for purchase.

General Admission is \$10 and VIP Wine Tasting Admission is \$14. Tickets are available for purchase at the Allan & Jean Millar Centre in advance starting October 1. A limited supply is available at the door. The wine tasting in partnership with CJ's Liquor Unlimited.

Up to 12 local artists will paint in competitive live painting rounds and we will choose winners per round based on audience votes. Art curated by a jury of art professionals and art enthusiasts alike will be displayed in and works may be available for purchase on a piece to piece basis.

Want to paint in art canvas action?

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Want to submit artwork to our exhibition?

Email: courtneymilford@whitecourt.ca by October 27, 2017. Subject line: Artwork entry act canvas action. Include Artist name, title of piece, medium, and contact information. Please provide a high resolution photo of your artwork. Artwork must be able to be hung and must be dressed, have finished edges, a frame or wire. Medium: paint or photography only. Artwork curated upon approval of an appointed jury. For additional details Ph. 780-778-3637 ext 423 for the Arts and Culture coordinator..

SUDOKU ANSWER

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- 1) svelleity
- 2) creche
- 3) anemone

VOCABULARY

- 1) volcano
- 2) musical instrument
- 3) slander

WORD JUMBLE

- 1) ICKY
- 2) GYPSY
- 3) VACATE
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WORLD GEOGRAPHY

- 1) Tennessee
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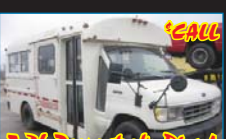
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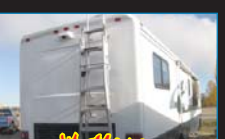
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