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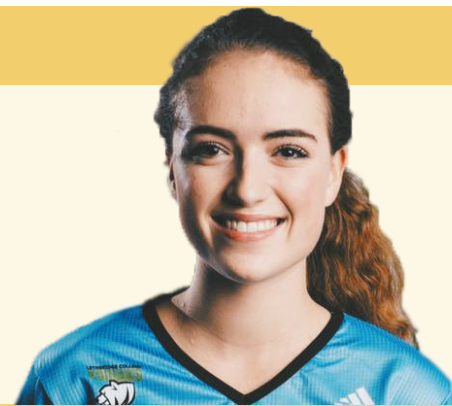


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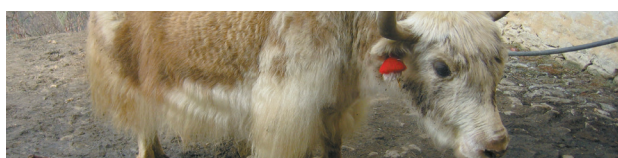
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It's a small word after all

See how Lethbridge College explored different cultures without leaving campus.

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Cardi-yak arrest

Lethbridge College Kodiaks experiment with a temporary name change.

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Four programs collaborate

Lethbridge College students from four different programs got a chance to experience a mock crisis recently.

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Hurricanes crush Rebels in game seven



PHOTO BY COLE PARKINSON

Mayor Chris Spearman and the sold out crowd at the ENMAX Centre celebrate the Hurricanes' game seven win over the Red Deer Rebels. They move on to face the Medicine Hat Tigers in the second round of the Western Hockey League playoffs on the road today.

Electric lettuce equals cash Opportunities for pharmaceutical investment

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Ottawa is ironing out the details on the legalization of marijuana in Canada.

The Federal government said it hopes to have legislation in place to make marijuana legal in 2018.

Nelson Annable is a student at Lethbridge College who sees investment opportunity in pharmaceuticals especially now the Trudeau government plans to legalize marijuana.

“I’ve been investing in stocks for a while. I bought gold and airline stuff and I saw it was an industry that was growing, I wanted to get into the pharmaceuticals anyways and I saw that being the next step in the opportunity,” said Annable.

Buying into the company, Canopy Growth Corporation a few months ago, Annable has watched his stocks value grow at a steady rate.

“It was a drastic grow in December mostly, in April it grew a little bit as well and it’s just been kind of steady in between, but pretty flat line. It’s just big jumps and big movement,” said Annable.

The government has indicated the full legislation will be introduced on Monday, but some cities are

already starting to look into plans that include the use of pot.

Meantime, with legalization set to happen sooner rather than later, the executive director of the Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce is optimistic over what marijuana could mean for the local businesses community.

“As a growing community, an ag community, there is certainly opportunity there and I wouldn’t be surprised to see something come forward that

way as a specialty crop,” said Karla Pyrch.

As for Annable, he is excited about what the future has in store for the stocks he already owns in the pharmaceutical industry.

“I think that right now being able to be worth

a billion dollars as an industry, without it legalized and just based on medical is an insane number and I don’t even know how much that could grow,” said Annable.

The announcement on the Cannabis industry in Canada isn’t new. Last year, Health Minister Jane Philpott had announced during a UN general assembly, the government was planning to introduce the legislation legalizing marijuana in spring 2017.

“I wanted to get into pharmaceuticals anyway and I saw that being the next step in the opportunity.”

- NELSON ANNABLE

Parks and Exhibition's million dollar idea

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Two groups in Lethbridge hope to get investment from the city of Lethbridge in order to fund their attempts to build multi-purpose centres.

Exhibition Park has been working for numerous years on adding to its existing facilities.

Management at the park say they are well on their way to having plans completed for the project.

"We've come a long way in the last few years and really what we're left with right now is building engineering and architectural drawings, that will pretty much get us right to shovel ready," said Rudy Friesen, Exhibition Park Manager.

They had another chance to go in front of Lethbridge city council to pitch their plans for the additions and they asked for \$1.1 million.

Phase one of the plan was to build a 250,000 square

foot trade and convention centre, as well as an agriplex during the second phase.

The Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce has put a bit of a wrench into the plans when its president Harry Gross suggested building a multi-use arts centre.

He thought it would be more financially beneficial for the city especially if it was constructed in a high density area in Lethbridge near hotels, restaurants and shopping centres.

The chamber has talked with the Allies Ares Council about the performing arts centre in Lethbridge and they also got their chance to present their proposal to city council indicating they would like \$375,000 in funding.

The group says they haven't nailed down a placement for the new centre or designs but Dianne King, who was one of the presenters says "it's about time" for a new performing arts centre.

Numerous amounts of supporters came to give their

backing during both presentations especially for the performing arts. Several times during the session they broke out in applause.

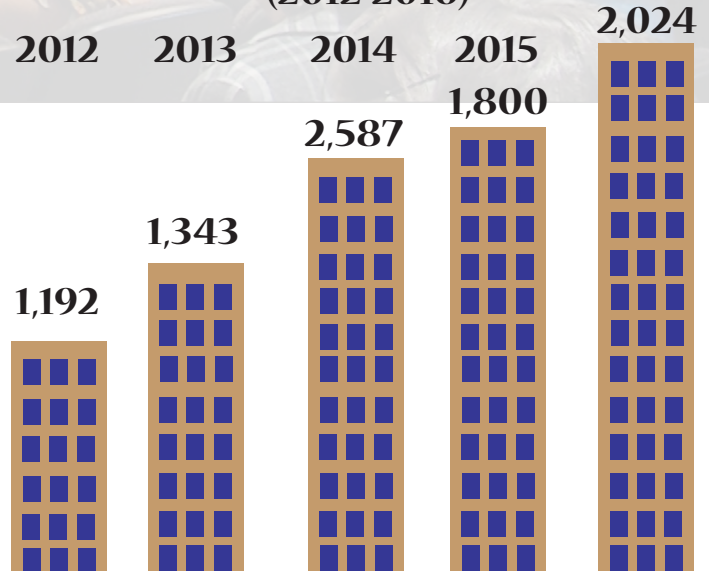
"We wanted them to know that they have spent an extensive amount of money on previous studies that have firmed the need for a performing arts centre, and so we did not want to see it lost in this particular [capital improvement program] coming up for their deliberations in June," said King.

Karla Pyrch, Executive Director at the Chamber of Commerce says they aren't trying to outcast the park but are trying to maximize the available budget.

"Our intention is not to not collaborate with Exhibition Park, it's to say you've got this project that you want to put forward, but are there other synergies that can come together or other ways this could be bigger," said Pyrch. Both proposals were accepted and the council will think each over the next few months before final funding decisions are made in June.



Population Growth in Lethbridge (2012-2016)



INFOGRAPHIC BY NICK NIELSEN

Windy city's growth

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The City of Lethbridge has been announced as one of the fastest growing cities in the country for the second year.

According to Economic Development Lethbridge, the city has grown by 2,024 residents in the last year, making it the fifth fastest growing city in Canada in the last five years. Trevor Lewington with EDL says there's a large number of factors

that have contributed to that growth.

"The difference between Lethbridge is that we're not as reliant on oil and gas like many other parts of the province. We don't have that typical boom and bust that you see in other areas of the province."

The City of Lethbridge has put a lot of projects in motion in the last few years that have stimulated a lot of that growth.

Examples include the new trades building at Lethbridge College and the 287-acre sale of land to Cavendish, where

they plan to develop over the next several years.

Chris Spearman says relations with private investors is incredibly important.

"We have the college, the university and private industries working together and it tends to spur investment."

Spearman went on to say that one of the biggest projects adding to the city's growth is the revitalization of downtown.

"We see these historic buildings in our city being restored and renovated and providing additional retail space and residential downtown living and it is just fantastic."

The city has more plans in place to bring more money into the city, which

in turn should bring in more workers and residents to Lethbridge.

"Signs indicate that we're going to see continued investment in both the private sector and in the public sector. The destination project at the university is an example, a fairly significant investment

of almost \$250 million."

At the end of 2016, Lethbridge's population sat above the 96,000 mark, and the city has

seen a huge atmosphere change because of it.

Besides the busier downtown, the amount of festivals held in Galt Gardens downtown has increased each year and it sounds like that trend could continue.

"Signs indicate that we're going to see continued investment."

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Students stop, collaborate and listen - mock disaster is back with a brand new edition



PHOTO BY DARASHEA GREGSON

Shelby Wilson and Nicolas Bohle get treated for their injuries during the college's mock disaster on March 25. Visit LethbridgeCampusMedia.ca for more.

Local Blood tribe woman represents at capital

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A local young woman from the Blood Tribe recently travelled to Ottawa to sit in the House of Parliament as an invited guest on behalf of an initiative called Daughters of the Vote.

During the first week of March, Tiana Weasel Moccasin was chosen by an organization called Equal Voice which is focused on electing more women to all levels of political office in Canada. This gave her the chance to represent her riding along with 338 other women across Canada and speak about what was on her mind.

Although the world she came from wasn't always so open to hearing what she had to say.

"I kind of felt like my voice wasn't important, because I always got shut down or ignored if I ever tried to speak up about our rights. The only time I ever did was when we did a dance demonstration for people and they wanted to learn," said Weasel Moccasin.

She is active in the Sundance and representing the Blood Tribe she was a natural as a Miss Blackfoot Canada Alumni and a pow wow dancer, she also graduated from Kainai High School.

The women were able to voice what they wanted their vision to be for Canada, it was historical on a national level and coincided with International Women's Day on March 8.

The issues she wrote about that got her noticed by Equal Voice were issues that her home community the Blood Tribe, is facing such as the fentanyl drug crisis.

A battle so severe that the tribe is enacting a trespass bylaw to try to limit the access of drug dealers and suppliers to the reserve, a bylaw that has been met with great misunderstanding.

Another issue Weasel Moccasin wrote about was the lack of education regarding aboriginal people, even saying that one of her former teachers told her classmates that natives should have been slaves.

That was enough to spark the fire in her heart to speak up for herself and about another issue, of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women.

While in Ottawa, Weasel Moccasin was able to sit in on an Indigenous forum and meet with Indigenous women MP's and First Nations Assembly members. Who answered their questions and gave them words of encouragement.

This wasn't her first time brushing shoulders with Canadian Leaders, Weasel Moccasin met with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau when he visited the Blood Tribe in 2016.

In Ottawa she now had the chance to see what he had to say when confronted by one of the Indigenous Daughters of the Vote who asked him about his stance on aboriginal issues.

"I felt like that he kind of reassured us that they are working on it, these kind of issues we have don't just get solved overnight but they are working towards true reconciliation I guess," says Weasel Moccasin.

She has been so inspired by this opportunity that she now wants to get involved in the justice system and help her people, by continuing her education at the University of Lethbridge and beyond.

Around the world in one day

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Lethbridge College students and staff were able to take a trip around the world without leaving campus last week. The Bridging Cultures event features performances, food and music from different countries around the world.

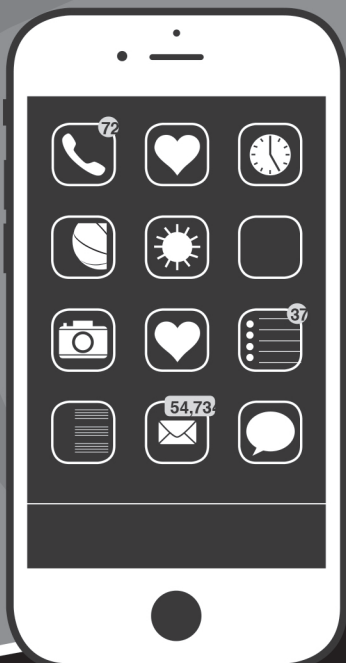
This year featured five different continents to experience right here at the college. The event moved into a larger location as the Val Matteotti gymnasium played hosts for the celebration. In previous years the college's centre core was the setting for the cultural festivity, but this year's organizers felt that the gym offered more space to everyone.

"I think we'd like to focus to the community partners and the Lethbridge community, I think next year we'd like to reach further out to the community," said chair of the English language centre, Scott Lehbauer.

Having an event that celebrates diversity at Lethbridge College is important to Lehbauer and making sure that they do their part in making sure everyone stays connected.

"I think people need to experience that we are living in a very small world these days. We have 250 international students on campus and I think it's a great opportunity for us to celebrate them being here," adds Lehbauer

Having the event held in the bigger space may mean expansion for the annual event in coming years.



STUDENT ACTIVITIES

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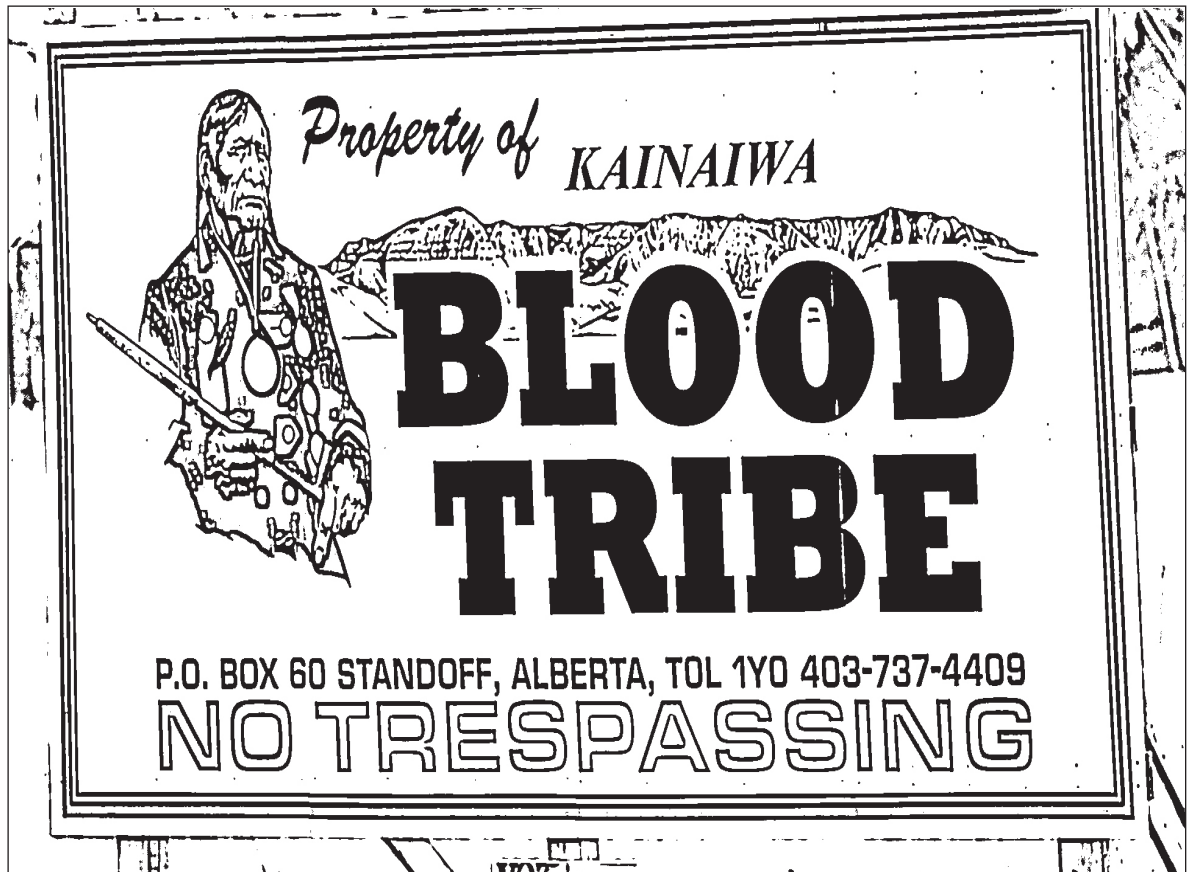
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You shall not pass

New bylaw for the Blood Tribe

A trespassing bylaw will be enacted by the Blood Tribe to remove people from the reserve that aren't tribal members, a spouse of a tribal member or there on business.

This isn't new.

We've seen this south of the border where President Trump is blocking access to the U.S. from radical Muslim countries.

We've also seen the backlash from this as well.

The most prevalent backlash is on social media where anything goes. On news media outlets the basic rundown of the story is there, but it's all in the comments where you see the true feelings of readers.

So why is this happening on the Blood Reserve?

Just in case you missed it, there's a huge drug problem going on in the world right now, with the latest being Fentanyl.

You can bury your head in the sand and pretend it's just "their" problem, but you all know drug addicts.

In Canada the death and overdose rate from this drug is a major problem.

The people that are hooked on this drug are really hooked, I mean can't function and would do anything to get it.

There is help, suboxone treatments, and naloxone overdose kits, but the use of the drug keeps growing despite the risks.

On the Blood Reserve there have been hundreds of overdoses and many deaths, the social upheaval from broken families, crime, gang activity, is in a crisis mode.

The Tribal Police have made many arrests and have confronted many of the dealers and one thing in common-

they seem to be outsiders, not from the reserve.

This was mostly seen with other natives from the north or elsewhere, living with tribe members, running drug houses and backed up by their gangs. With an influx of other races, clearly not from the reserve, they were being supplied by the major crime gangs in Canada and probably the world, setting up shop right on the reserve.

So in a last ditch attempt to control the Blood Reserve, a trespass bylaw was passed by the Chief and Council leaders, to cut off access to the tribe by outside criminals.

Blood Tribe members will not need a permit but non-members conducting businesses or living on the reserve lawfully will.

Non-tribal members attending sporting events, rodeos, school or driving through on the highways won't either.

This is supposed to give the Tribal Police the authority to basically kick the outsider dealers and criminals off the reserve whereas before they could charge them but they would just come back and start over.

Will this be a solution? Probably not, but it's an attempt to quell the problem of this dire drug.

The solution to stop drugs on reserves goes deeper than policing the people, or who's doing this or that.

It's a Canadian government issue, reserves are horribly underfunded and neglected, a problem to which tribal members have been trying to solve without much support.

Without the government getting onboard to work with the tribes, the economic issues will always be there.

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Kodiaks mourn loss of teammate

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Lethbridge College is mourning the loss of one of its student athletes.

Emmalee Cherweniuk was one of the college's best and brightest students and her loss has taken a toll on the college community.

Cherweniuk was killed three weeks ago in a head-on car accident east of Granum, Alberta.

She was the backup setter for the Kodiaks in her first year with the team and was often on the court with her big sister Sianna.

Sianna says the loss of her sister has been incredibly hard for both her and her family.

"We've received a lot of feedback from the volleyball community and her high school and everything. It seems like everyone she met, even if it was very brief, she had a huge impact on them."

While being a college athlete, Cherweniuk was also a talented artist. She was following her passion as part of the Interior Design and Technology program.

One of her instructors Naama Tuckett saw Emmalee at work everyday and she says it's been hard not having her in class.

"In a short amount of time, we come together as a very close unit group and so it's really shaken everyone up and right now we're just trying to get through the semester."

Cherweniuk, or Boo Boo to her teammates, was described as having one of the biggest smiles in Alberta, with an infectious personality that brought a light to the room the moment she walked in. Everyone's lives she's been a part of speaks highly of her.

"What I see from this is that we got her for 18 years and that's more than enough. We can't think of anything that could be the future, we have to think



PHOTO COURTESY OF SIANNA CHERWENIUK

Emmalee Cherweniuk's teammates always said she had one of the biggest smiles in Alberta.

about all the past and all the memories and everything beautiful that she did," says Sianna.

Tuckett had more of the same praises for her former student.

"Emmalee was the most positive person I've ever met. She always came into the classroom smiling, she was always happy. She was a story teller, so a lot of the times her classmates would gather around her and just listen to her stories that she had to tell."

Cherweniuk's high school in Calgary, Lord Beaverbrook, has started a fund to raise money for students of the school to pursue their educational, athletic and artistic endeavours.

For those who'd like to donate, visit educationmatters.ca/cherweniuk.

The
Other
Guy

by
Steve Seto



That's all folks

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The school year is almost done and for some of us it is time to move onto the next step. Finally getting into our chosen careers and getting paid for it! Yes, there is a lot of excitement about getting a paycheque after spending years without a steady income.

Even though we aren't clearly out of the woods, it becomes crunch time in the last few weeks to send out resumes and trying to find someone who finds you valuable to their company.

This in my opinion could be a more stressful task than completing homework for deadlines in the last two years. It can be tough trying to sell yourself and show off your skills without being an arrogant ass.

One of the other things I will miss are the people. Classmates, instructors and all of the other familiar faces you see around the college will be a tough adjustment once May rolls around.

It has almost become a second home and no matter how much you stress over an assignment, there is always someone here to cheer you up or put a smile on your face.

So before I start tearing up and get real emotional on you, I just want to say thanks to everyone who helped me get to where I am today. Good luck to you all and it was my pleasure getting to know each and every one of you.

When programs collide

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With the winter semester drawing to a close, students at the college are looking forward to the summer.

The students in the School of Media and Design have one more thing to look forward to before they end their semester here... Collide-O-Scope.

Collide-O-Scope initially started at the college decades ago as a fashion show.

As it progressed, the faculty and staff of Media and Design saw that this could be a way for the whole school to work together. With the expansion of virtual and augmented reality, advances have been made in the school too, with a huge step forward for the Multimedia and Digital Communications and Media students participating in this year's event.

"Audience members hold up their phones and use the Blippar app, and it comes to life. It's like a window into another world," said Tanya Weder, an instructor in the Multimedia Production program.

An app will be used to showcase each graduate from the different programs.

To ensure each grad is properly highlighted they will have their very own augmented reality poster to showcase their work.

"We're going to be having some virtual reality demonstrations for the students and also for the people who are attending to have a look at," said Martina Emard, one of the DCM instructors.

The Multimedia production students will be creating each page for those using the augmented reality.

"An intern for Collide-O-Scope, a multimedia student, she's creating all of the posters," said Weder.

Previous themes include Connectivity in 2015, and Creative Combat in 2016. This year's theme is a little different.

"This year it's Encompass. It illustrates how all four of our creative programs work together to create and be creative in each of our industries," said Emard.

Collide-O-Scope will take place in the Garden Court dining room located in the College and the event will take place on April 22 at 6 p.m.

To purchase tickets, check out the Lethbridge College website and click the Collide-O-Scope button on the home page.

Sudan refugee gains a second chance

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A Lethbridge College student is now looking forward to a new and brighter future now that he has settled in Canada. Zachariah Magok was one of the lost boys of Sudan that started in 1987 when civil war occurred.

Magok was young when he fled home and was on the run from death or being captured as a child soldier.

A lot of the things he's seen still resides with him and are hard to forget while he was placed in a refugee camp for years.

"A lot of things were happening in the camp. Nothing was easy. It was hard for all refugees to stay there, but there was no option. As where we were told to stay and we had to stay there," said Magok.

It was especially tough as Magok was supposed to be on a plane back in 2001 until the terrorist attacks that happened in the United States kept him in Africa.

Even though it was a tough realization that he couldn't come overseas, he knew there was nothing he could do.

"It's something happening and there's

no solution for it and there's nothing some of us could do. Cause it's a bad thing that you had to witness," added Magok.

Now that Zachariah is in Canada he can focus on working on his degree and moving forward in helping others.

His instructors know that an international student faces a lot of challenges other than just homework.

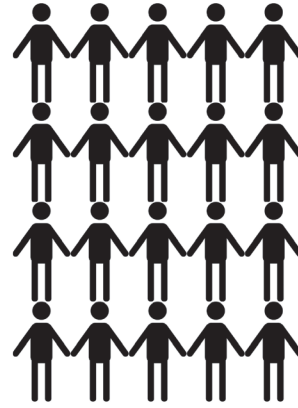
"When we teach English as a second language we're preparing them for real world tasks. So it may be going to the dentist or the doctor and making an appointment. It may be just figuring out how to scrape that ice off your windshield," said English language centre instructor, Patt Filipchuk-Williams.

Magok is now thankful the Government of Canada has given him the opportunity and is hopeful for the future.

"That one day things will change and I can go somewhere to start learning. Actually God has heard my prayers, that's why I'm here. I'm so happy to be in Canada."

Zachariah will finish his English courses this year and start working on his degree in social work next year.

Journey to Canada



Over **20,000** children were displaced from their families during the civil war that started in **1987**

Around **250** international students attend Lethbridge College



It took Zachariah **15** years to make it to Canada

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INFOGRAPHIC BY STEVE SETO

People can be surprised to find that around 250 international students attend Lethbridge College.

Opinions are like air, we all need it to survive

I was struggling to come up with a topic for this column, then I had an idea. I know they are all supposed to be on our opinion on anything. Opinions are one thing I struggle with.

I don't actually have strong opinions about anything. I just don't understand how people can feel so passionately about the stupidest things.

An example is some people really get mad when there is pineapple on pizza. Honestly you could just pick it off and not eat it. Not that hard. Why is it such a big deal that you will complain about it?

Another thing people made a big deal about is the Beauty and the Beast character LaFou being gay. His being gay changed none of the story, so why did it matter?

Honestly I think people just need to have an opinion

"Nobody wants to be the one person alone in the corner."

and complain about everything.

With the facelessness of the Internet you can rant and complain about anything and not have it traced to you.

Why do people do this?

Well I guess it is a sense of stress relief to being able to get out your anger over anything.

That doesn't explain why people let every little thing annoy them.

I know you might think that I am a huge hypocrite complaining about people and having ridiculous opinions. Here I am having a ridiculous

opinion on opinions. Honestly it just makes my point about how ridiculous this is.

I suppose we all have the little things that get to us. Or is it that we all need validation that someone else feels the same way we do?

Nobody

wants to be the one person alone in the corner. I suppose that is why we find like-minded people to be our friends.

It gives us someone to complain to who understands our opinion.

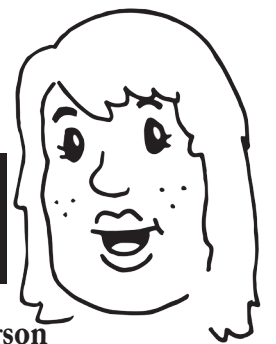
So here I am being forced to share my opinion on anything, and I chose to have an opinion on opinions.

I seem to believe my opinions are more important than anyone else's.

So this whole column is irrelevant. You can just keep believing and spouting your opinion any way you want.

Dare I Say

by **Darashea Gregson**



Have we forgotten what respect means?

What is respect?

Respect is defined as "a feeling of deep admiration for someone or something elicited by their abilities, qualities or achievements."

Being respectful is allowing someone else to speak and get their point across before you rudely shut them down or cut them off.

Why do we live in a world where things that are our own are far more important than that of others?

We are a society that listens for our turn to respond and not to learn.

Besides, communication is key for anything in life.

We've lost communication as a society. We don't care if we cut people off mid-sentence, nor do we care if someone has a valid opinion.

If it's not our own, who cares.

That's how the world turns. We don't pick up the phone and talk to people. We text them, we message them on Facebook We tweet in the hopes that they can see.

The Chosen Bun

by **Kayla Sarabun**



That's where the world is going.

Instead of trying to actually meet up with someone face to face, we'll FaceTime or Skype them.

We lose human contact.

And I personally think that it comes back down to having respect for one another.

If we don't care or respect each other, why would we care what they have to say?

I hate picking up the phone some days too, but we're

losing our language by texting and ignoring what those have to say.

You can't always get the point across through text. Sometimes sarcasm doesn't come through, or what you say could get misinterpreted.

That's another way that we don't respect people. We don't respect people enough to talk to them face to face if we have a problem.

I know I'm personally bad for this sometimes as well, but I'll still talk to someone if there's an issue that I'm having. It may not always work, but I try.

It may not be immediate, but I will talk to the person, no matter how much it hurts.

I just don't know why we can't respect people as much as we used to.

There never used to be anyone talking back to their grandparents. Or sassing their teachers... Which I'm bad for, as the teachers can attest to.

Kids don't grow up with the same respect... and it can only get worse.



SPORTS



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Lethbridge Hurricanes thank fans after coming back from 3 to 1 game deficit, before shaking hands with the Red Deer Rebels after a 6-2 in game 7 victory.

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The Lethbridge Hurricanes are onto the next round of the playoffs after a nail biter of a series.

The Canes managed to do something they haven't been able to in their 30-year franchise win a series after being down 3-1.

The series started in Lethbridge with a 5-3 win over the Red Deer Rebels in Lethbridge, where the Hurricanes went 0-6 on the powerplay.

After that, the Canes dropped game two in Lethbridge the next night and from there things started to look like

they might leave the playoffs in the first round for the second year in a row.

They lost both games three and four in Red Deer and were one game away from being eliminated, but things turned around quick.

Special teams picked up the pace in the last three games and the Hurricanes won all three to take the series.

The highlight of the series came in game seven in front of a sold out crowd.

The Canes won it 6-2, with four goals on the powerplay and even a shorthanded goal to top it off.

Stuart Skinner was a brick wall in the net, standing on his head to stop all 19 shots he faced during the second

period.

The Hurricanes are in tough in the second round.

They're up against the conference leading Medicine Hat Tigers, who swept projected first overall pick in the year's NHL Entry draft Nolan Patrick and the Brandon Wheat Kings in four games.

The Canes fared better than most against the Tigers this year, winning three and losing four against them in the regular season.

Most games between the two teams have been high scoring affairs, including the final game of the season, in which the Canes lost 8-7.

The Tigers will have home ice advantage in the series, and game one will be in Medicine Hat tonight.

The Red Wings fly away from 'The Joe'

Nickin' Around
by
Nicholas Nielsen



25 years.
25 straight years of playoff glory.
Four President's Trophies for finishing in first place in the league at the end of the season.
Four Stanley Cups in that time. And now one loss to the Ottawa Senators is all it took to have it all come crashing down.
The longest playoff streak in pro sports has officially ended.
My Detroit Red Wings have missed the playoffs for the first time in my lifetime.
For the first time, I know what it's like to be a Leafs fan for the last couple decades, and I already don't like it.
It seems fitting that a huge era ends this year, as so many things have changed for the Wings in the last couple years.
For example, two years ago we lost the

most sought after coach in the league, Mike Babcock.
Then, last year, one of the classiest and most skilled players in the league retired from the NHL and headed back to Russia and the KHL to play closer to home.
Pavel Datsyuk is one of the most skilled players to play the game and he had some of the silkiest hands in the league.
And now, the final thing that seems like a bit of a disgraceful move, is the move out of Joe Louis Arena.
The oldest rink in the league is officially being retired, and the team is moving to Little Caesar's Arena.
From a rink named after one of the most amazing boxers in the history of the sport to a place named after a half decent pizza franchise.
Now if I had my say in the new rink name, I would name it after the late Little Caesars franchise owner, Mike Ilitch.
He owned the Red Wings as well as the Detroit Tigers baseball team, and he was an incredibly stand-up guy.
Reports came out a week after his passing that he was quietly paying the rent of the apartment of one of the most influential civil rights people on the planet, Rosa Parks, which blows.
But back to focusing on the team for my last point here.

My favourite memory of being a Red Wing fan over the last 20 years. The 2001-02 season.
In my personal opinion, possibly the best lineup of players to ever play.
Scotty Bowman as the coach, who's in the Hockey Hall of Fame, along with nine of the players on that team and I'm sure

Pavel Datsyuk will be making it ten.
They didn't have the greatest season, but they put together a story book ending to an incredible season by winning the Stanley Cup.
Either way, I hope this doesn't become a trend, and that my red and white can make it back to the playoffs soon.



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April Fools' joke puts people in cardi-yak arrest

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The Lethbridge College Kodiaks got a bit of a surprise earlier this month.

As an April Fools' Day prank, the Kodiaks got a brief name change... The Yaks.

The moniker was spread across social media that the Kodiaks are associated with, along with a press release.

"We weren't sure how people were going to take it. You know we tried to make it as believable as we could," said Jamin Heller the marketing coordinator for athletics who was in on the prank.

The April press release said, "The move is a result of over two years of sports marketing research, which suggested the 'Yaks' moniker has broader appeal to millennials." The Kodiaks have long been referred to by their '-iaks' nickname across the province, with players often adopting 'Go Yaks' as their go-to team cheer."

The press release even went so far as to get credible sources, such as Todd Caughlin, the athletic manager for the Kodiaks.

"The exclusivity factor, knowing we are the only team with this nickname in the entire country, really just tipped the iceberg for us when making the final decision... With Lethbridge College celebrating its 60th anniversary this year, we felt it was the perfect time to separate from our Golden Bears roots and go in a new direction," states Caughlin in the release.

The credibility of the release actually had some players concerned about the name change.

"They got me... thank God it's not (real)," said Jennifer Kubos of the cross country and indoor track team.

The whole prank didn't take long to put together either.

"(We) wrote a release in about two hours and overall it was probably about four hours, but definitely worth

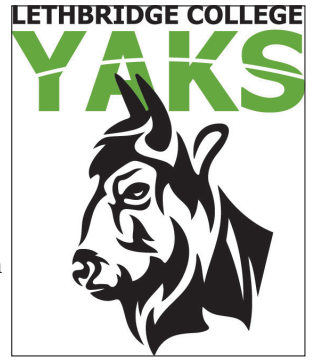
it when you see the results," says Heller.

Lethbridge College has a long running history of different gags on April 1.

"Last year we made up the Canadian Centre for Excellence and Innovation in Far Northern Hemisphere Coffee Bean Cultivation and we had two alumni play along," said Lisa Kozleski the senior writer and editor for Lethbridge College's communications team.

The college has also previously pulled the gags of Lethbridge College to establish the Inland Marine Research Centre and more.

The Kodiak 'yak' prank stayed up until the end of April 1, where the traditional Kodiaks logo was put back in its place.



Kodiaks women celebrate the best year of their lives

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The Kodiaks women's basketball team finally had the chance to commemorate their national championship win and share it with the entire college last week.

Centre core was in a celebratory mood as the women shared their gold medals with the students and staff at Lethbridge College on March 28.

The team delivered an undefeated season, bringing home the biggest trophy in the Canadian Collegiate Athletic Association - some people don't know how big of a deal that is for the college.

"We've had athletics since 1967 and there are 12 total national championship banners. That's a long time to go,

but it also shows just the inherent winning attitudes that we get when we're looking at recruits. We're all Kodiaks," said Todd Caughlin, Athletic Manager at the college.

Kodiaks players were grateful that so many people came together to help celebrate their accomplishment.

"It definitely made it a little more real, because after winning, it didn't settle in yet. This was neat having everyone come out and support us," said Amy Arbon, Kodiaks guard.

One of the big themes of the event was that it was not only a national title for the team, but for the college.

Head coach Brad Karren as well as players Shantaya Strebel and Logan Moncks, all spoke about the season, expressing how much support from the entire college meant to them.

"I just wanted to say thank you to everybody who supported us and that goes throughout the entire college. That's why we win, because we have that support," said Karren.

The season may be over, but the players say they'll remember this year for the rest of their lives.

"It's definitely surreal! It's awesome having teammates who you get to see every day and get to associate with also getting to play the game you love and you grew up playing," said Arbon.

All Kodiak athletic teams are now in off-season mode, but the athletic department doesn't get much rest.

Caughlin says his focus now shifts to getting ready for the 2017-2018 season by ordering jerseys and setting rosters for another year of Kodiak action.

Blue Jays ready to take flight

How weird is it to see Edwin Encarnación in a Cleveland jersey?

I turned on the game just as he hit his first home run of the season. The entire time all I could think was why is he not in a Blue Jays uni?

The swing, the sound of the ball off the bat and the signature Edwin trot around the bases was all familiar, but at the same time it felt incredibly weird.

It really wasn't anyone's fault that he signed in Cleveland. Sure the Jays front office may have been a little hasty in moving on from EE, but at the same time they offered him the best contract and he decided to test the free agent waters.

Instead the Blue Jays signed a combo of Kendrys Morales and Steve Pearce to play first base and to be the designated hitter as well as the already signed Justin Smoak.

If last year is any indication, Justin Smoak will spend most of his time on the bench and it's deserved.

He only hit .217 in 299 plate appearances while striking out 112 times...ouch that hurt just writing that.

Steve Pearce is more than capable of playing full-time first base and I suspect by the all-star break he will be. Morales on the other hand will certainly be the Blue Jay's designated hitter for the season.

Pearce is by no means the best

Cole Hard Truth

by
Cole Parkinson



possible option at first (cough cough Edwin), but he's a career .255 hitter with decent pop and playing in the Rogers Centre for 81 games won't hurt.

Morales, in my opinion was a really good signing even though it all but signaled the end with EE and he should have a very good year at the plate with all things considered.

He hit 30 home runs last year while driving in 93 runs and only struck out 120 times in 558 at bats.

His defense is probably the biggest hole in his game so I don't think we'll see him play a ton of first base this season, but I'm sure Gibby will throw him out there a few times especially when they're playing in the National League.

With all that said, I can't wait to watch another year of baseball and hopefully another post-season that involves the Jays!

"Why is he not in a Blue Jays uni?"

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