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Winter fun while it lasts



PHOTO BY STEVE SETO

Carter Lee prepares to fire a snowball at a buddy in between classes at Lethbridge College Thursday morning.

Alberta government attempts to brighten future

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Renewable energy is getting a big endorsement and hoping to make its footprint right here in Lethbridge.

The Government of Alberta recently encouraged plans for legislation with the Renewable Electricity Program.

The goal of the program is to get 30 per cent of renewable power target energy by 2030.

It is hoping to create 5,000 megawatts of capacity in renewable power to create jobs to the hard hit economy.

The outlook is looking bright with the expansion of the Trades and Technologies Renewal and Innovation Project (TTRIP) building.

“A major part of that building is a new wind turbine training facility. So the government has made the investment here,” said Ron Papp, wind turbine technician instructor, who feels Lethbridge can be a stepping stone for future projects.

“Lethbridge is probably going



PHOTO BY STEVE SETO

Tyler Graper (left) and instructor Ron Papp look over work during class in the Wind Turbine Technician program.

to be the major hub for wind and possibly solar in Alberta,” adds Papp.

Changes can be small and done by anyone in the community to make an effect on renewable energy.

“The last few months we noticed more traffic, more talk, more interest in renewables. So the more people talk, the more the government and the public will come on board... it has to be done slow and steady,” said Rudy

Reger, owner and founder of Energy Smart Canada.

Reger says the little things can make a big difference in pushing Alberta to be more conscious in energy use and has been waiting to get more backing in renewables.

“We’ve been waiting for this for a long time that we get some kind of support from the government. Not necessarily handouts, but just encourage people to go out and do the right thing,” said Reger.

Save a life with just a drop

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What greater gift is there than the gift of life?

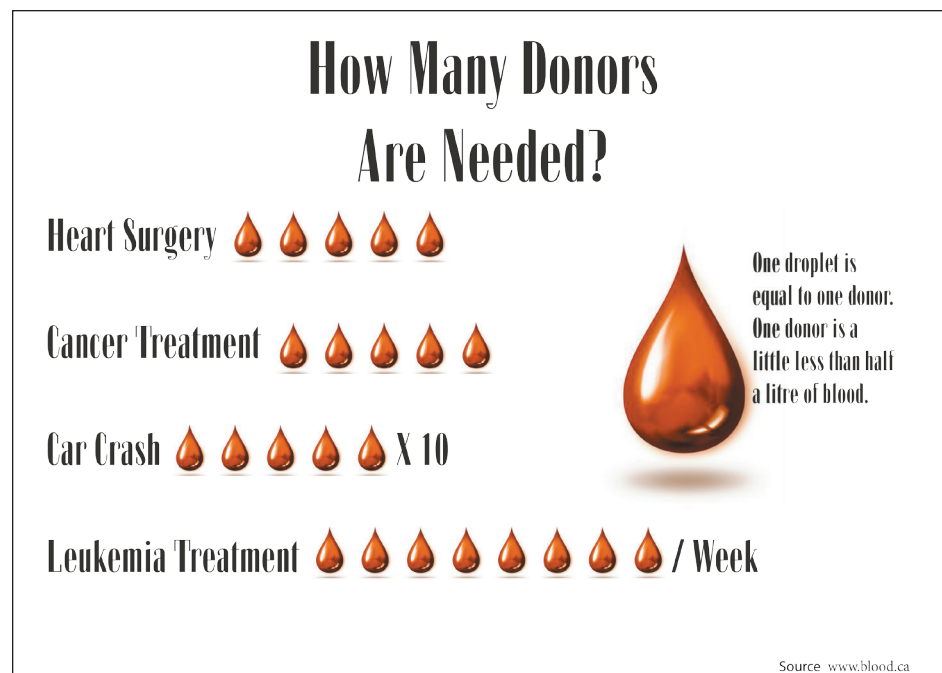
That's exactly what every blood donation delivers and the blood drive is in full swing at Lethbridge College, receiving life saving blood donations until the end of the month.

Different activities are happening to raise awareness on the importance of donating blood.

One event includes finding out your blood type, the next blood type event is being held on Nov. 24 in Centre Core at the college.

Tanner Marcer is the Events and Communications Coordinator for the Lethbridge College Students' Association and believes that the annual blood drive is a good awareness piece for the community.

"It's important to get young people in the habit of donating blood. It's a good awareness piece for the community and you get to interact with a lot of community members," said Marcer.



It has allowed for some friendly competition between the college and the University of Lethbridge in the past, to see who can get more donors.

According to Marcer, this year's blood drive is going great and the LCSA is consistently booking people.

There are some stipulations before you

can donate blood.

You can donate blood if you are over 17, haven't gotten a piercing in the past six months, haven't been to restricted areas outside of Canada or the U.S.A in the past year or visited the dentist in the previous 24 hours. For more stipulations visits the blood.ca website.

According to blood.ca, Canadian Blood Services provides a safe, secure, cost-effective, affordable and accessible supply of quality blood, blood products and its alternatives.

Canada is currently self-sufficient in blood.

However donors are in the minority.

One student at the college, Brett McConnery, has never donated blood.

"I've never really been given the opportunity to give blood. I've gotten my blood tested, but that's it," said McConnery.

Madison Ash is also a student at the college who has donated blood and will continue to do so.

"It just helps people and it's a little bit of time out of your day and it can save lives," said Ash.

You can currently sign up to donate, blood at the LCSA located at the college's centre core.

You can donate blood at other times of the year at the blood clinic here in Lethbridge. Canadian Blood Services is located at 200 4 Avenue South, Unit 220 in the Lethbridge Centre Mall.

Métis flag is raised in pride and remembrance

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On a windy Nov. 14 morning as the Métis flag was being raised, it represented more than just a symbol, but a vibrant resilient culture.

The Métis flag is one of the oldest patriotic flags originating in Canada, predating Canada's Maple Leaf flag by 150 years.

"One of my glorious ancestors Peter Fiddler saw the Métis flag flying during the Battle of Seven Oaks, so there is a bit of a family connection," said Métis Elder Rod McLeod.

Local dignitaries Mayor Chris Spearman, Métis Local Vice President Louise Saloff, ML President Alice Bissonette and Métis Elder Rod McLeod represented at the raising.

Métis week is an annual celebration of their culture and their contributions and sacrifices to become a distinct self-governing nation.

The Honourable Louis David Riel is acknowledged and recognized during Métis week as the founder of Manitoba and defender of the Métis.

There are over 451,000 Métis which comprise 32.3 per cent of the aboriginal population and 1.4 per cent of the total Canadian population.

The Métis continue to strive for recognition and rights. In 1982 they were included as one of the aboriginal peoples, with Indian and Inuit, under section

35 of the Constitution Act.

Métis Local #2003 is an organization that has been active in building positive relationships both within the aboriginal and city community.

"The Métis culture was a fusion of French, European and First Nation influences which developed a unique language called Michif," said Métis Local #2003 Vice President Louise Saloff.

Métis communities developed along fur trade routes and was known as the Homeland which was the prairie provinces and surrounding area.

In 1986 The Hudson's Bay Company sold the Homeland to the Dominion of Canada without notifying the Métis people who lived there.

Because of this, Riel who lived in the Homeland started a provisional government and this had him exiled to the United States.

After winning a number of battles, he eventually lost and Riel surrendered then was taken to Regina and executed in 1885.

Métis have a rich, unique and vibrant culture in traditional music and dance through fiddling and jigging.

The Métis sash, which is a finger woven swath of cloth and is known to symbolize members who have made cultural, political, or social contributions, and brings pride to the wearers.

For more information regarding any events or services contact the Métis Local #2003.



PHOTO BY TODD EAGLE CHILD
Mayor Chris Spearman, Metis Local 2003 Vice President Louise Saloff and Métis Elder Rod McLeod at the Metis Flag raising ceremony to kick off Metis week at City Hall on Nov. 14.

The Lethbridge community shows their pride in our soldiers

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Remembrance Day is the one day a year people take to collectively remember the horrors of war.

Nov. 11 at noon a ceremony for Remembrance Day was held at the cenotaph by the Yates Memorial Centre.

It began with the raising of the colours after military personnel marched the flags in.

As the *Last Post* began to play there was hardly a dry eye as you looked around the crowd.

Kaylee Michelson found the ceremony to be hard emotionally for her because her father served in Jerusalem for the past year and only returned a few months ago.

"It is always hard when he is sent away and you never know if he will come back," said Michelson.

She is not the only one who found the ceremony touching.

Margrett Hewlett was also very moved by the service.

"Both my parents served in the second World War, my father worked as a medical officer," said Hewlett.

Cathy Couch, a Lethbridge resident found the ceremony to be different than she had expected.

"I was confused as to why they played the American national anthem before they played the Canadian anthem. I have never been to a ceremony where there were all three anthems," said Couch.

Couch also voiced that she liked that there was a prayer read by an active serviceman for the comfort and safety of all soldiers, living and passed.

After the ceremony people dropped poppy's at the base of the cenotaph in recognition of lives lost in war.

Engineering the future



PHOTO BY STEVE SETO

Casey Hattersley (left) and Colbe Hryciw survey the area around Lethbridge College as part of their studies in the Engineering Design and Drafting Technology program on Nov. 10.

Sentiments of safety

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Donald Trump's U.S. Presidential election victory has led to protests from people in the U.S. and around the world.

American cities such as Los Angeles, New York and Philadelphia have had marches since the president-elect won the race.

A movement called the Safety Pin Campaign, which started from the Brexit vote in the U.K, has picked up steam in the U.S. recently.

The campaign, now in America is used to protest Trump's negative comments towards Muslims, Latino and the LGBTQ community.

"The movement can be a positive thing for those who have fear over Trump being the next president," said Zainab Chaudry, spokeswoman for the Council on American-Islamic Relations, in an interview on CTV.

"I think that any campaign that is intended to show solidarity against bigotry and fear mongering and hatred is a campaign that should be supported," she added.

Those involved with the Safety Pin Campaign, wear it to show those who feel threatened over Trump's win, that they will do what they can to combat racism, sexism and bigotry.

Even celebrities like Sir Patrick Stewart have supported the movement but not everybody sees eye to eye with the situation.

Kevin Rodrigues, a legal immigrant working in the U.S. said he was happy with a Trump victory.

But due to the upset win by the Republican nominee, he sees America as a nation separated by the election results.

"The American people are as divided as ever by the election results. Democrats are still riding the shock waves from a dizzying loss, which has led to protests turned riots, safe spaces and counseling on college campuses, to console those in need," said Rodrigues.

Canadians also feel some reservation to the election and have been partaking in some protests.

In Vancouver, a rally was held in front of the city's own Trump Tower.

Kelsey Coccimiglio is a Canadian citizen living in Calgary and feels that neither candidate was right for the job, but one was more eligible than the other.

"I was rooting for Hillary because I found it unbelievable that Trump was even eligible to run based on his past," said Coccimiglio.

Many feel that Trump's comments made at various times before the election were reason enough to be disqualified. The Safety Pin Campaign was adopted in light of those remarks.

Lethbridge Mayor Chris Spearman also had some fun with the American immigration to Canada topic.

He tweeted out that "Lethbridge, Alberta is the first Canadian city to create an American refugee re-settlement program #yql WELCOME our U.S. neighbours."

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Uber amount of problems for taxi passengers

After a night out on the town or getting to the airport without paying for parking for a whole week, most of us rely on a taxi to get us there. They provide a great service to us in making sure we get home safe after a late night or getting us across town to meet up with friends.

It all sounds like a wonderful experience, but that isn't the case most times you buckle up as a passenger.

As soon as the meter starts running up the driver inconsistently steps on the gas causing a jerky feeling for everyone in the car.

Even when coming to a stop sign or red light the bumpiness continues for no apparent reason.

Are they doing this to use up more gas to get a higher rate and more money in their pockets? Who knows, but when you proceed to give payment they expect you will be giving a tip.

A tip? Really? After being on the verge of becoming car sick?

That is one reason why ridesharing has become so popular in the U.S. and has tried to break ground here in Canada.

One that most of us are familiar with is Uber. You are able to request a ride through an app on your phone and can track and see when the car arrives.

That isn't the best part, as when you have arrived at your destination there

is no payment as it is completed on the app, meaning no tip!

You still give feedback to the driver with a five-star rating on what your experience was like. According to Uber's website, if a driver continues to get below average ratings they will be deactivated as a driver.

"If your average rating still falls below the minimum after multiple notifications, your account will be deactivated."

Taxi companies have become upset about the threat of better service being available to customers here in Canada. There was a long fought battle out east in Toronto. Calgary had Uber briefly

until the city had bylaws in place for Uber unable to run.

The service is available in Canada in a few locations and talks are in place for it to begin running in Calgary again soon.

When passengers hop into a taxi they don't want to feel like they're sailing across the Atlantic.

It shouldn't be a service that is avoided by customers who are trying to prevent paying higher rates and receiving subpar service.

The solution is simple: transportation should be smooth, not rocky to get more money out of customers pockets.

Taxis provide a great service to the public, but they shouldn't take advantage of their customers.

"According to Uber's website, if a driver continues to get below average ratings they will be deactivated as a driver."

VRkade Inc. goes to college

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The future of gaming has arrived and the Lethbridge College Students' Association was there to welcome it.

Virtual Reality is a new 3D platform that is revolutionizing the gaming industry across the world.

"It's definitely the future and the next thing coming, the way iPhone changed the phone industry, virtual reality will not only change the gaming industry but the whole entertainment industry," said VRkade Inc. co-owner Jason Van Hierden.

The VRkade Inc., a virtual reality arcade, will provide a new immersive experience to the gaming audience here in the city.

The VRkade Inc. will provide an arcade type setting for gamers to play the HTC Vive, these platforms start at \$2,500 plus for full systems.

"Every time I try a new game and a new level it's like going somewhere I've never been before. It's fantastic, the number one thing in immersion is that it's nothing like anything I've ever tried," said VRkade Inc. co-owner Steven Bandola.

On Nov. 10, the Cave at Lethbridge College was full of students who wanted to test out the new technology.

VR bays were set up with games like Space Pirate Trainer and Brookhaven Experiment where people were lost in the VR world.

Bystanders were able to see what the players were seeing with monitors displaying the game and also how the players reacted.

Virtual Reality gaming involves three basic things; a PC or gaming console to run the games, a head mounted display and hand held tracking controllers.

The VR gaming systems will offer a new and intriguing gaming experience that regular systems have seen their limits.



PHOTO BY TODD EAGLE CHILD
Harrison Maxwell plays some Virtual Reality gaming provided by VRkade Inc. and LCSA at the Cave on Nov. 10.

"We felt it was something fun for the students and maybe they'll be involved with us further down the road," said LCSA Events and Communications Coordinator Tanner Marcer.

The Students Association would like to incorporate more interactive experiences like the VRkade Inc. to start having regular appearances on campus.

Public helps Lethbridge Transit move forward

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One of the major issues with living in an urban area is transportation, this is where the City of Lethbridge Transit steps in.

Recently the Transit department asked for the public's input to improve their use of the transit system.

The Transit Master Plan was created and started with a vision which was to focus on what the end result would be like instead of what it needs to do.

The transit department have had public engagement meetings and met with city hall to gain feedback and handed out questionnaires.

A website was created to receive input about important topics, the west Lethbridge system and to receive rider's comments.

It created objectives, goals and performance measures to engage the community to see what is working and what isn't.

A system assessment would create a draft network where the public will be engaged to finalize the network before the final report.

With a population of over 98,000 a lot of residents are of a younger student crowd and the senior citizens, and the working class that commute daily.

With a large student population



PHOTO BY TODD EAGLE CHILD
Lethbridge Transit driver Darryl Eby providing city residents with reliable transportation on Nov. 15.

at the college and University of Lethbridge, the role of transportation is a very important issue that needs to be maintained.

The feedback received was that travel was too long, insufficient frequency, cost competitiveness to parking fees and extended hours.

Although citizens would want to see a lot more out of the transit service they receive, it all comes down to funding, which comes from the city.

There is also the specialized transit system or Access-A-Ride that provides riders with cognitive or physical disabilities accessible

transportation within the city.

With the city's expansion, new routes have been established and older routes have been upgraded keeping in mind how far riders have to walk to access transit.

"The Transit Master Plan itself is a look at a possible transformational change to the way we deliver our service right now and once we get the feedback we'll deliver it to council," said transit manager Conrad Westerson.

Any citizens who want to have more input or recommendations can contact the transit manager or the transit department directly.

Trump won, now what?

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When the results of the U.S. Presidential election announced that Donald Trump won, the Prime Minister of Canada Justin Trudeau sent his congratulations.

"We look forward to working very closely with President-elect Trump... on issues such as trade, investment and international peace and security," said Trudeau in an official statement.

In a 2015 interview on 60 Minutes, Trump described the North American Free-Trade Agreement as a disaster he would renegotiate or even break.

On the Statistics Canada website, trade between Canada and the U.S. in September 2016 accounted for over \$55 billion in domestic exports, re-exports and imports.

In a memo drafted by Trump's transition team obtained by CNN it states, "The Trump administration will reverse decades of conciliatory trade policy. New trade agreements will be negotiated that provide for the interests of US workers and companies first."

Some say that Canadians need not worry.

"I don't see a major impact of any kind on Canadian-U.S. relations or Canada's own self-interest or sovereignty interest because of the election. I look forward to continuing a very positive trade relationship between the US. and Canada and I'm not losing any sleep at night... whoever wins in the political arena," said Jim Phillips, president and CEO of the Canadian/American Border Trade Alliance.

Then there is the issue of climate change.

Trump, a global warming denier, posted on his Twitter account on Nov. 6, 2012 that "global warming was created by and for the Chinese in order to make U.S. manufacturing no-competitive."

His stance was negative on his campaign trail of the 2015 Paris climate change agreement, which sets targets to reverse the effects of global warming.

As Canada continues to meet its reduction targets on greenhouse gas emissions, would we be doing it alone here in North America?

With the NDP's Climate Leadership Plan and looming carbon tax, 53 per cent of Albertans disapprove, according to a ThinkHQ poll.

There is already talk of the Keystone XL pipeline to be revived, something former President Obama dropped as it did not serve in the U.S.A.'s best interests.

"I want it built, but I want a piece of the profits," Trump said in May. "That's how we're going to make our country rich again."

"Alberta officials would do their due diligence in making the case for Keystone, but ultimately, preference is for a Canadian pipeline such as Kinder Morgan's Trans Mountain pipeline or TransCanada's Energy East pipeline," said Alberta Premier Rachel Notley.

This drew criticism from opposition Wildrose leader Brian Jean who says that stance isn't good enough.

"I think Albertans deserve a premier who stands up for the energy sector," he said.

At the renewed talk of approved pipelines that could get Alberta's oil flowing again, is it in the best interests of Albertans and Canadians?

"Depending on how much of Trump's agenda he's serious about implementing and can achieve, a lot of aspects like approving the Keystone XL pipeline is very good for Alberta and the Canadian economy," said Dr. Faron Ellis, Lethbridge College Political Scientist.

Then there was talk of Americans crossing the border when Trump takes office.

As ballots were being counted in the favour of Trump on election night, the Citizenship and Immigration Canada website crashed due to web traffic.

"You can't just come to Canada on a full-time basis without going through the proper process" said Dr. Christopher Kuchucha, the University of Lethbridge's political scientist.

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Graeme Glaister and Suneet Kharey participated in the iGEM Competition that was held in Boston earlier this year.

PHOTO BY DARASHEA GREGSON

Finding solutions in the back of an ambulance

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When you think of Synthetic Biology, most people don't get excited. That is the way Suneet Kharey feels who is a member of the International Genetically Engineered Machine (iGEM) Foundation and is part of a team in Lethbridge.

According to their website, iGEM is a foundation that is dedicated to education and competition as well as the advancement of Synthetic Biology.

According to the syntheticbiology.org website, it says Synthetic Biology is the design and construction of new biological parts, devices, systems and the re-design of

existing, natural biological systems for useful purposes.

This year 5,600 participants across 42 countries took part in the iGEM Competition in Boston.

The Lethbridge team worked side by side with emergency services to find the most effective ways to sterilize the back of ambulances.

They were approached by emergency services with the proposal to find a way to clean the back of ambulances.

"We went on a few ride-alongs to see better what problems we could help with," said Graeme Glaister another student participating in the iGEM team.

He goes on to say you can always see the blood and puke and know to clean it up, but you can't see what

microbes are infesting the back of ambulances.

"While we were looking at this project we didn't consider any other applicants," said Kharey.

Suneet Kharey joined the iGEM team to help make a difference in her community.

"By being a part of iGEM it is a great way to help your community, help people and help society. Help out in any way that you can," said Kharey.

She said that participating in iGEM has been one of her favorite experiences.

"Everyone wants to change the world and this is one little way you can help do it," said Kharey.

iGEM hosted a Giant Jamboree event in Boston from Oct. 27-31, 2016.

Three G Eatery finds success at their new location

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Small town businesses are often challenged to find success and one of them has found a way.

Walter and Shauna Gomez opened Three G Eatery in October of 2014 and has been one of the few restaurants to stick around in the relatively small market.

Walter has been in the restaurant business for over 17 years and moved his restaurant from his hometown of Milk River to Coaldale.

He says they moved because they wanted to find a slightly bigger place to grow the business.

"We looked at other places because we wanted to expand. Milk River is pretty small with only 800 to 1000 people compared to the 8,000 or so here in Coaldale," said Walter.

The short drive to Lethbridge also played a factor in moving to Coaldale.

As for having the restaurant located in the big city,

Walter says the food business is already overcrowded as it is and the investment would have been greater had they made the move into Lethbridge.

"So far so good, it's been a lot steadier instead of up and down and more consistent."

-WALTER GOMEZ

Since opening they've had fairly steady business and they hope to see people filing into their doors for quite some time.

"So far so good, it's been a lot steadier instead of up and down and more consistent," said Walter.

He isn't alone in the venture though as his wife

Shauna is also involved with Three G Eatery.

She says it's nice to see familiar faces in the restaurant, but plenty of new faces make their way through the doors too.

"[We get] lots of returning customers, it's also neat to see those customers who were here when we first opened come back as well as plenty of new customers," said Shauna.

Coaldale only has a few sit in restaurants in its arsenal. While most fizzle out after a few months, the pair at Three G said they knew the risks involved.

Now with the holiday season rolling around, Shauna says it's one of their busiest times of the year.

"This is our third Christmas. Last year we had eight to 10 [Christmas parties] and this year we already have eight to 10 so almost every weekend is booked up already," said Shauna.

For more information about Three G Eatery and what menu items they offer visit their website at threeeatery.ca.

Like a phoenix, the slice has returned

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The Slice has reopened under new management after it closed its doors in August.

The music venue was only closed for a few months before being reopened this fall.

Jesse Smith, who had been visiting The Slice for around 10 years, stepped up and bought the building from the previous owners.

"It's always been my favourite bar and I've always loved coming here. It's always a great crowd

and it was too big of a loss to let it go," he said.

Like many people in Lethbridge, Smith was shocked at the sudden closure of the popular music bar."

Smith launched a GoFundMe page to help with small renovations for the building as he had already put the money forth to buy the building.

Smith says he was shocked that word

got out as it was mainly for his friends and family to help out, but eventually the community raised over \$2,000.

With The Slice being a well-known bar, bands and patrons already know what to expect from the venue.

The Slice's plan is to have two live music nights on the weekend. One night is a touring band and one is a local band.

Right now, Smith is focused on the day-to-day, but hopes one day to expand.

"There's plans to grow, but right now it's just a start," said Smith. "One day I could see multiple locations and make

live music accessible for everyone."

Local musicians are also excited by the return.

Andrew Gauthier, a local drum-

-MAC DAHL

mer, is excited that there is now another venue for bands to be able to perform live music.

"There is also a whole bunch of places you can play at. Including The Slice open-



PHOTO BY COLE PARKINSON

Mac Dahl jams a few licks on his guitar in preparation for his next live show.

ing back up. That's going to be nice for new artists trying to get their name out there," Gauthier said. With The Slice back, it gives fans a better opportunity to see live music, it also gives owners more chances to put bands on stages.

Mac Dahl has been in multiple bands around Lethbridge and has been involved in the scene for around 10 years.

Dahl says he likes the creativity

involved in Lethbridge music and hopes that having more venues can help build a bigger and stronger community.

"Grow...keep growing and expanding. Keep people coming in showing their awesome creative things, just keep expanding," Dahl said.

Local musicians are just happy to have another stage to play on and The Slice is doing its part in offering them a chance.

Referees should be impartial at all times

I am a referee.

I have been since I was 14-years-old. I am certified to referee volleyball and on my way to become a certified referee in basketball, at least at a high school level. Yes, as a referee we do make mistakes and miss some things, but that is at a lower level. Not college.

I am writing about how even though at a college level, volleyball referees make game-costing mistakes. However, that isn't what my issue is. It's the fact that players will stoop so low and deny anything in order to get the point despite the fact that there are four refs.

There is one top referee (which is the head ref), one down, and two linesmen.

Four sets of eyes watch and officiate a game.

Recently, I took in a game here at the college, where the Kodiaks took on their

The Chosen Bun

by Kayla Sarabun



rival, the Medicine Hat Rattlers.

The women's team played phenomenally, sweeping the Rattlers in three sets.

The men's game however was a different story. Yes the Kodiaks won, but there were some things that the referee missed.

I actually caught one of these mistakes on camera, where the referee said there was no touch, but there clearly was.

Volleyballs don't just start going down

when a player spikes them, shoot up a foot or so, and then go out of play.

That's just not how gravity works.

This was the first call that I noticed that the top ref missed. The irksome point is that it happened right in front of his face and he was actually looking at the play right there.

I can only say this with certainty as I caught it on camera.

The players never claimed to touch it, denial at its finest.

There was also an instance where the ball was in the court. Not by much, but enough to see it through the camera lens. The linesman called it in. The players, out.

The top ref sided with the players.

Which makes me wonder why we actually have some referees, such as linesman if their word isn't always counted.

Why should people invest their time

into becoming referees if the players will be sided with?

I know that this isn't always the case, but it's happened to me personally as well.

Even when I was younger, we would be assigned linesman duty.

I would call it as a saw it, and the refs would sometimes go against me. Painful as a child who had volunteered their time to be a linesman.

I'm only slightly perturbed by the fact that refs sometimes make mistakes.

I'm beyond raged that players at this level will lie about what happened just to get the point, or make the play.

I get that it determines if you go to provincials and maybe even nationals, but is it really worth your morals and dignity as a player?

As children, we aren't taught to lie and cheat? Why is it okay now?

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The bear and the snake: When rival teams collide

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The rivalry between the Kodiaks and the Rattlers volleyball teams continued into this year's Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference season.

On Nov. 3 the rivalry sparked, with the Kodiaks winning on home court.

The women swept all three sets of their first game against the Medicine Hat Rattlers, while the men had a tougher game, winning the game in an intense five sets.

The first set for the men even went to 33-31 in favour of the Kodiaks.

The roar of the fans in the bleachers was noted and helped to boost the energy of the teams.

The men's team cheered for the women, and vice versa.

Hearing the home fan base cheering so loudly for the home team added to the heat of the game.

Laura Serafini is a third year middle for the Kodiaks women's volleyball team, and has noticed the rivalry grow over the past three years that she has played.

"You can always see that there's competitiveness in the teams."

-SANDRA KNIERT

"It's definitely grown, as we're both part of the southern conference and both teams work through different challenges each year," said Serafini.

The rivalry can be seen from the stands or from the live webcasts on the ACAC website.

Sandra Kniert has watched the Kodiaks for the past three years, both in person and online and has noted the competition between the rival teams.

Both the men and women then travelled to Medicine Hat to play the on the Rattlers home court on Nov. 5.

Women fought to keep their winning streak against Medicine Hat up, and won in four sets.

The men weren't quite as successful, losing the game in four sets against the Rattlers.

The women won a total of three games last year and are hoping to beat that record this year, winning three games

already with the season opening just over a month ago.

The men were able to go to the ACAC provincials last year and would like to keep that up this year.

The Kodiaks won't face off against the Rattlers again until Feb. 17 at home.



PHOTO BY KAYLA SARABUN
Dax Whitehead jousts against the Medicine Hat Rattlers Nov. 3.

Kodiaks get their heads back in the game

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The Kodiaks have clawed their way into the new season leaving a mark in the Alberta Colleges Athletics Conference (ACAC).

Men's and women's basketball got off to a fast start earlier this month and are hoping to carry out success until the end of the semester.

The men started off with two tough home losses against SAIT and Medicine Hat before sealing their first win of the season on the road last week in Briercrest.

Losing at home was tough for the team especially being blown out in the second game by Medicine Hat.

"We're trying to show the home crowd who's the best player on the Kodiaks team and it just got to us individually. It just wasn't working, shots weren't going in, were making mistakes on defense and quite honestly it was embarrassing," said third year forward Grady Taylor.

The team had to refocus and play at the top of their game on the road to avoid starting the season 0-3.

"We smartened up and had a good couple last days of practice before we went on the road trip and then when you win by 40, it completely changes and everyone is in a good mood," said guard Pierce Van Gaalen.

Team chemistry is strong heading into the next few games, hoping to put the first two losses behind them.

"Coach gave us good motivation for the previous weekend and that win it gave us confidence again. It brought us within a team again, helped us to trust our team again and made us more confident as individual players," added Taylor.

The women's team didn't surprise anyone. As the fourth ranked team in the nation, they took care of business with an undefeated start.

The team was shocked and heartbroken after last year's semifinal loss in the ACAC provincial champion-



PHOTO BY STEVE SETO
Leah Ekubazgi puts up a shot during practice Monday evening after the Kodiaks started the season 3-0.

ships and are focused not to repeat this year.

"We have to be aware because we blew it in the semifinals last year. It's always awesome to be on top, but we always have to make sure that we stay on top the whole way and not just to the semifinals," said returning forward Logan Moncks who is ready to take it to the next level.

The coaching staff isn't ready to get too far ahead of themselves and making sure the team is prepared and ready for each game.

"You have to take it one game at a time. You look too far ahead and you can trip yourself up on something and not even have the chance to be where you want to be," said assistant coach Deanna Dotts.

The teams will be on the road this weekend for two games before playing their next home game at the end of the month.

Fans can check out the action on Nov. 25 and 26 when the Kodiaks play key games against Olds and Red Deer in the Val Matteotti gym at 6p.m.