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# **GENERAL MANAGERS'S UPDATE**



December is already upon us, and the big SPFAS's renovations / facility enhancement project is now pretty well complete (including having the Red Dutton's bleachers and new upper deck viewing area now open). The viewing stands are still equipped with a radiant heater on a timed switch for your comfort, and the switch is now located on the 4th upper viewing deck's white support column.

It's great to see lots of activity out in the Arenas, on the Curling rinks, more Bonspiels coming up, Hockey now in full gear including tournaments, and we are seeing social functions being held up in the Ice Breaker Lounge. The Park is also home to lots of up and coming and award-winning Figure Skaters, the Springbank Soccer Club's Indoor season is well underway, playschool children frequent the building, offering up the occasional greeting and smile, and there's lots of other activities happening in and around the Springbank area. On behalf of the staff and the SPFAS Board of Directors. we would like to wish each and everyone of you and your families a happy holiday season.



# **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES & NEW HAPPENINGS**





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### MEET THE STAFF

Mike has been with SPFAS for close to nine years and his friendly, outgoing personality has made him a favorite among many user groups. Starting out in Operations, he was an integral part of the team providing high quality facilities for all our patrons, taking pride and care in everything he did, especially in achieving that 'perfect flood'. After leaving SPFAS for a brief period of time, Mike joined the Operations team once again - only to be stolen by the Administrative team shortly after to put his business diploma (and personality) to good use! When you don't see Mike at SPFAS he is likely on the golf course, on a lake, playing slo-pitch, camping, hiking with his favorite pup Janko (jang-ko), eating pizza, watching the Flames, or chasing the puck around with you on the outdoor rink.

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Calling all community residents 55 years and older to join this group every Wednesday of each month at the Springbank Heritage Club (244168 Range Road 33) from 1PM till 4PM. Feel free to bring whatever project you are currently working on and also bring any items that you'd like to share for Show and Tell, Coffee is provided – bring a treat to share!

On our last meeting Jan Wittstrom taught us how to make a Blue Jean Angel Ornament and we included a picture in this article to show you how beautiful they turned out.

These are some of the suggested dates / projects to consider in our December calendar:

- Dec 1 Bring your own projects
- Dec 8 Heritage Christmas Dinner 1:00-4:00 (Sign up required)
- Dec 15 Grinch Tree and/or do a Gift Exchange and Wine
- Dec 22 No Meeting
- Dec 29 No Meeting



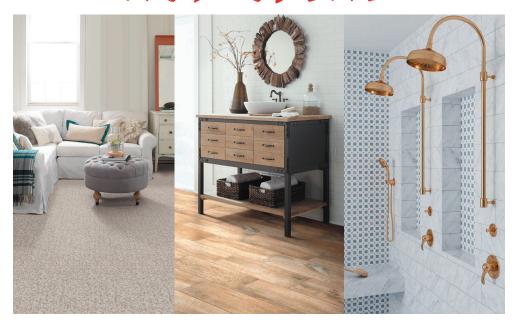
Please remember to invite any additional ladies that you think would like to join this group. For more information and to be added to the email list for reminders contact Janice at <code>janice3lambert@gmail.com</code>

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Submitted By: Yvonne Bamlett



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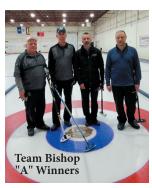


# SPRINGBANK CURLING CLUB

Our days are short, and the nights are cold... it must be curling season!

#### SATURDAY FUN LEAGUE - DROP IN CURLING

Drop-in Curling is on again on December 11 and January 22 at the Springbank Curling Club. This an opportunity



to try out the sport, play a regular game or try Mixed Pairs curling and you don't have to be a member of the curling club to participate.

Registration is from 6:30-6:55pm, and curling ice times will be 7-9 pm. Curling equipment - grippers, sliders and brooms are available for use, free of charge.

Drop-in at \$20/person (cash only)!

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#### **BONSPIELS**

SCC hosted 16 teams to play in this year's Men's Bonspiel on November 20-21. Rinks from Springbank & Calgary

played, as well as a team with representation from the Australian National Team – a long way to come for a spiel, guess it was their summer holiday!! When the last rocks came to a stop, Bishop was victorious over Hellwig in the A final. Humeniuk defeated Somerset in the B, while Stevens played



the marathon event to beat Babin in the C final. Congrats to all teams that played in the event!

The Ladies Bonspiel is coming up on January 14-16, 2022. We hope your team will join us for this fun and competitive event. The entry fee is \$260/team which includes at least 3 games, cash and door prizes and dinner Saturday night (~7 PM). This 24 team bonspiel will have A,B and C events with draws beginning on Friday night and finishing on Sunday afternoon. We were full in 2020 so don't delay...

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As we step into the new year, many of us will be making resolutions and looking optimistically to the months ahead. Our resolutions will be carefully crafted in our minds after thoughtful reflection on our successes and failures of the year past. We've all endured

a significant amount of negativity throughout 2021 from our conversations with others in coffee shops, to the conversations with ourselves in our own heads as we watched the nightly news. Fear and dismay dominated our airwaves and living in a state of gloom became the norm for too many. As we embark into 2022, I want to start us off with some positive reflection on the positive developments from the past year that barely received any attention. The quickest way to change the world around you is to shift your perception and the way you view it, so let's reflect on the good news stories of the past year. Our government has worked hard throughout the year to pass legislation that will ensure our province's economy emerges from COVID 19 stronger and more diversified than ever; that our children are protected and supported in their early development; that our justice system is fair and accessible; that our beautiful environment can be enjoyed for generations to come, and so much more. I'd like to highlight some of that work and the results we have already achieved. The Geothermal Resource Development Act and the Mineral Resource Development Act created regulatory framework that will enable the development and extraction of geothermal and rare earth minerals in our province such as cobalt, iron, magnesium, titanium and zirconium, which Alberta has significant deposits of. Our province has always had an abundance of natural resources that serve as the bedrock of our economy, and we just had our best year of oil production on record. Investors such as Eavor technologies and E3 Metals have already invested millions of dollars into the Alberta economy over the past year into geothermal and lithium projects, and these pieces of legislation will help to expand and diversify our province's natural resource sectors even further. The Growing Alberta's Forest Sector Act supported the longevity and competitiveness of our forest sector by ensuring reliable and sustainable access to timber, security for capital investments, and streamlined processes for tenure agreements. On the agricultural side of things, in addition to legalizing direct farmto-kitchen table sales and launching financial supports and insurance price reductions for those struggling with drought conditions over the past year, we also passed the Irrigation Districts Amendment Act. This Act enabled irrigation districts to borrow funds for large-scale expansion and increase the confidence of their financial lenders. To couple this legislation, we also partnered with the Canadian Infrastructure Bank and local irrigation districts to expand Alberta's irrigated acres, which see an average return on investment of 300%, by 200,000 acres across the province. The Business Corporations Amendment Act supplemented work already done to reduce our corporate tax rate to one of the lowest in North America and reduce over 116,000 regulations to conducting business. This Act streamlined processes for changing corporate names, registering records, filing annual returns, and changing directors. Its passage made Alberta the most flexible jurisdiction in Canada for director voting allowances, and the first to introduce corporate opportunity waivers. Our government's corporate tax rate reduction from 2019 already increased corporate activity in Alberta enough to raise corporate tax revenues by 52% this year, and that increase is projected to continue rising by 20% year-over-year. After extensive consultations with our business community, the changes in the Business Corporations Amendment Act will complete our efforts to make Alberta the destination of choice for continued corporate investment. The Early Learning and Child Care Act made the first changes in over a decade to child care licensing requirements, so that childhood educators can spend less time on government paperwork and more time with kids. This work was supplemented by the signing of a historic agreement with the federal government to decrease licensed childcare fees by 50% to \$10 a day and create over 42,000 new spaces. Knowing that access to affordable childcare is key for young parents to enter Alberta's workforce and support our economy, we ensured that our plan was the only in Canada to allow for all forms of public and private licensed childcare to be included, including pre-schools, so that all parents could benefit from the program regardless of whether they live in urban or rural Alberta, or work regular hours or shift work. We also passed the Students First Act which shockingly, for the very first

time, will require all teachers and educational assistants to undergo routine criminal record checks. It also created an expedited cancellation process for teaching certificates of those convicted of serious offenses under the Criminal Code, and an online registry for educators that will show disciplinary details of all who have been suspended or had their certificates canceled. In recent years only one individual has ever been suspended from our educational system despite countless claims of serious offenses being filed, and while the vast majority of teachers and educators do love their children and treat them with care, every student deserves to be safe in their classroom and this Act ensures they will be. The Vital Statistics Amendment Act barred convicted sex offenders and perpetrators of severe violent crimes from being able to legally change their names to hide in public from their heinous past. For more vulnerable Albertans, the Local Measures Statutes Amendment Act transformed 911 into a textable service so that those in dangerous domestic disputes, or those in areas with minimal cellular service, can quietly text in a plea for help without needing to make a phone call. And for the first time in history, we eliminated all user fees from public addictions treatment facilities so that all Albertans, regardless of their socio-economic position, can access the help they need to regain their lives back. The final piece of legislation I'd like to highlight, for all us outdoor enthusiasts, is the Trails Act. For years there has been unintended conflicts between recreational trail users and other users of public land. Our trail networks were built with hundreds of thousands

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economies, but they have never been fairly recognized through public policy. With the passage of this Act, trails for hiking, biking skiing, and all other recreational uses will be designated as "assets of the Crown" meaning that other users of the land have a duty to protect them or relocate them if protection cannot be guaranteed. Recreational tourism has the potential to be a key economic driver for our province just as it is in British Columbia, and this legislation is a leap in the right direction. Reflecting back, a lot of positive changes have occurred in our province despite their lack of recognition from mainstream media. Despite all we've been through, we still have much to be grateful for and I am confident that Alberta's best days are surely yet to come.



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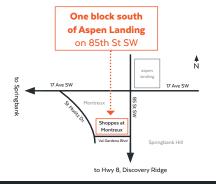


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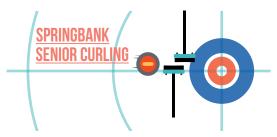
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Friday mornings we gather to have a nice visit and a rip roaring game of curling. Surprisingly, our numbers are up from last year - no doubt we were having serious social and curling withdrawal.

Our teams are all made up for the fall season and we only have room for spares before Christmas. If you want to join us, please contact our drawmaster Brian Davies

#### (briancapitalland@gmail.com).

There is no charge for curlers who are sparing, regular curlers pay about \$100 per season - we have fall and winter seasons.

We are all tired of hearing about Covid, but, because we are all advanced in years, we require everyone to be fully vaccinated. No vaccine, no curling.

Also, in the common areas before and after curling, wear a mask, optional on the ice.

Submited By:

Tim Presber, President

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#### SPRINGBANK SOCCER CLUB

SSC participated in a Christmas Plant fundraiser, and we are pleased to say we raised almost \$1500 to go towards some new equipment for the participants in the programs. This fundraiser was successful through the great efforts of Nicole Perizzolo. She was instrumental in planning and organizing the event and her efforts were the reason why it was so successful.

We would also like to thank all those that volunteered for our Casino Fundraiser which is a major event for the



club. Those funds allow the club to continue to deliver the programs we offer to families in the community and surrounding areas.

Our successful outdoor season has come to a close and we have started up our indoor season. SSC will continue to keep things fun, educational and accessible to all our members and communities moving forward. Our Indoor season is well underway with practice and games going well. All vaccinated participants are engaged as we continue to follow all the restrictions that AHS and facilities require. Thanks to all the Managers that make this easier for the players and parents in the club to get the players on the field. Thanks also to the families that continue to support SSC.

We offer programs for players 3 year of age and older. With Grassroots and City League options we have options for many age groups. Visit our website for more information. For information or to register please visit our website.

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Over the past month, many of our STARskate skaters attended competitions. Young and experienced skaters were able to show off their new programs and dazzle the judges. For our experienced skaters, we saw Grace Johnson and Katya Gereluk represent Springbank at the Alberta, North West Territories, and Nunavet Sectional



competition. Now in the senior women's category, Grace made the podium with a strong third place finish, and will be heading to the National Skate Canada Challenge competition held in Regina the first weekend in December.

However, it was lovely to see a strong showing of Springbank skaters at the Calgary Region STARskate Invitational competition held at Seven

Chiefs Arena. Over the course of three days, nine skaters participated in this competition from STAR 3 – STAR 10. Many skaters advanced to higher categories, increasing their complexity of the skills and jumps with the artistry required of this sport. At the end of the weekend, the Club came back with smiling girls and some with the coveted medal around their necks.

Congratulations to the following skaters:
Serena Wu / 1st place / STAR 4
Rachel Robillard / 3rd place / STAR 6
Chloe Hudson / 3rd place / STAR 6
Gianna Riabowol / 3rd place / STAR 10
Joan McGrath / 1st place / Bronze Women



One of the more delightful moments that was captured on video was one grandchild cheering her grandmother, Joan McGrath, in the adult Bronze category. Joan reminds us that figure skating can happen at any age and at any level. Being on the ice and dancing to the music, brings a youthfulness and strong reminder that it is not the medal or accolades that necessarily count, but the love of doing something that brings you joy and happiness.

Submitted By: D. Gereluk





The Springbank Community Association Board is very excited to share that President, Karin Hunter, was recently recognized as a "Stars of Alberta Volunteer" nominee. Minister of Culture, Ron Orr thanked Karin for her volunteer efforts to make our community a better place. Thanks to Gloria Wilkinson for spearheading the nomination process.

Stay connected with the Springbank Community Association on Instagram, Facebook and our website, <a href="https://www.springbankcommunity.com">www.springbankcommunity.com</a>.

We wish all a safe, happy Christmas season and all the best for 2022!



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After one of the most beautiful fall seasons we can remember, the team at KOAC is gratefully reflecting on the dynamic and rewarding experiences had by many through our tours, programs and events this year.

With the support of a grant from Rocky View County, we added a new NEIGHBOURS' PATH along the full width of the park. We invite our Springbank neighbours to enjoy a walk along our west border, taking in the sculpture collection from a great vantage point without the danger of walking on the road.

MEMBERSHIP in the KOAC family grew steadily over the summer and fall! Visit our website for information: koartscentre.org/members.

#### **TOURS**



We enjoyed sunshine and perfect blue skies for all of our weekend Sculpture Park tours, and delighted in sharing the art-in-nature experience with enthusiastic guests. Each new visitor brought fresh eyes with which to view the sculpture collection, and feedback was consistently positive:

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#### **PROGRAMS**

We are grateful to our associate artists - Patricia Lortie (@patricia.lortie.art), James Ziegler (@ziegler9953) and Sabine Lecorre Moore (@sabine\_lecorre\_moore) - for the inspiring workshops that they each provided:

Patricia's Wild Weave: a meditative grass weaving experience.

Ziegler Tiny Art: discovering and creating mini-sculptures through paper play.

*Create Your Secret Kingdom*: a collage workshop inspired by artist Virginie Hamel.

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

Resident artist Rocio Graham led us through the rituals of honouring the changing seasons of both the earth and of human life with her Day of the Dead celebration.



Tamara Cardinal's residency produced "Coming Home", a moving tribute to the indigenous children found in mass graves as well as the missing and murdered indigenous women and girls.



James Ziegler, John Gohmann and Bob Stowell led a group through the cooperative and bonding process of planning, building and erecting a large-scale sculpture together: Merging, which now sits proudly at the

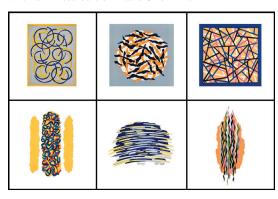
northwest high point of the Sculpture Park.

And 12 lucky participants were privileged to work under our own Katie Ohe's guidance create individual metal artworks that were then "woven" together to form a large Metal Blanket, another project where the parts came together to create a cohesive whole.



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We thank you sincerely for your support, generosity and friendship, and wish you the happiest of holiday seasons.



#### **HELPING HANDS**

Helping Hands Society of Cochrane and Area runs 10 volunteer based programs to support the vulnerable population in our community: Community Food Drives, Caring Neighbours Program, Community Check In, Snow Helpers, Summer Do Crew, Movers with Heart,

Meal Teams, Volunteer Driver Program, Meals on Wheel and the Free Food Shed. This February we are hosting a community walk, the Coldest Night of the Year, to raise funds and awareness for the hurt, the hungry and the homeless. If you are interested in walking, donating or learning more, please head to <a href="https://www.cnoy.org/cochrane">www.cnoy.org/cochrane</a>





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With Christmas just around the corner it is a Playschool tradition to support Calgary area families who are

going through a time of adversity through Made by Momma, a local volunteer run charity! Our program of choice this year is Santa's Workshop which



Christmas miracles happen for families who are unable to provide Christmas for their families due to crisis such as job loss, terminal illness, leaving abusive situations, last minute tragedy, and more. Please note all donations must be NEW, we won't be collecting 2nd hand or gently used donations at this time. For further information on how to donate or what items to donate, please email <code>springbankpsinfo@gmail.com</code>.

Cindy Dowsett

Vice President, Springbank Playschool 2021/2022



# **WARD 5 TRUSTEE JUDI HUNTER**



Hard to believe we are into December, it seems like the school year had barely begun.

All Rocky View School trustees attended the Alberta School Boards Association annual fall general meeting.

The Board had the privilege of listening to Landry Fortrand from

Chestermere Lake Middle School who gave a wonderful presentation on how he has changed his teaching practice in mathematics. The change is a result of the information given in the book "Thinking Classroom in Mathematics: 14 Teaching Practices for Enhanced Learning", by Peter Liljedahl, a mathematics professor at Simon Fraser university.

Robotics programs start early. Elbow Valley Grade 3 students shared the work they were doing with robotics. The students were excited about their work and shared their learnings.

Good news, organizations that are renting Rocky View Schools facilities will have insurance included in the

reservation charge. This saves organizations having to show proof of insurance. The reservation charge includes an insurance fee of \$10.00

Below is a link to the information for the EverActive Schools Conference January 27-29. While the conference is primarily for educators, parents are always welcome. There are a variety of sessions that parents would enjoy.

Shaping the Future 2022 Conference | Ever Active Schools

The Alberta Learning Disabilities Association is offering video offerings for parents. This is something that school councils may consider offering for parents.

https://www.normalisntreal.com/

Rocky View Schools in the news

Classroom exchanged for wide-open space

https://www.producer.com/farmliving/classroom-exchanged-for-wide-open-spaces/

Congratulations to Ms. Knight and her Drama 9 and Drama 20/30 students for a fantastic production of Shakespeare's a "Midsummer Night's Dream". We look forward to more amazing work from our high school drama students.



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# **JUNIOR "C" HOCKEY TEAM**

# Springbank Junior C Hockey Team Raises Money for Cancer

With the ever-increasing scrutiny on political correctness, the name of the Springbank Junior C Hockey Team has taken its share of questioning. The club has been known as the Pink Panties for close to two decades and while the details of the story behind the name have diminished over time; the basics are clear. The team's name was founded in support and recognition in the

Canoe Financial for a total donation of \$6,000 dollars. Coach Mark noted; "It was important for us to show to the hockey community that the Pink Panty name represents support and respect for those close to us who continue to fight this terrible disease. I am pleased that the boys were able to raise funds to support the Canadian Cancer Society and thank all of those who supported their fundraising campaign."

Congratulations and Thanks to the members of the



fight against women's cancer. At that time, wearing pink in men's Junior Hockey was considered courageous and fought against a stigma that has thankfully passed.

Current and past team alumni have proudly donned the annual custom pink jersey and carried the "Pink Panty" moniker with respect and high regard for what it represents. Coaches and parents past and present recognize the positive lesson the gesture has instilled into the young men who have laced up in support of their mothers, sisters and friends.

This year the current members of the Pink Panties led by Coach Mark Connors and longtime manager Dave Jurkowski decided to revitalize the importance of the team's name by showing overwhelming support for the Canadian Cancer Society. The boys came together to raise \$2,000 dollars which was graciously tripled by Springbank Junior C Pink Panties for their efforts and please come out and support the team at the Springbank Park for All Seasons









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