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## ENCOURAGING ALL OF US IN OUR COMMUNITY TO KEEP ON KEEPING ON

As this is being written in the early days of implementing the Province's new mandatory enhanced public health measures announced on November 24th, the aggressive second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic continues to cause much uncertainty, angst, fatigue and frustration. For more than 9 months, this virus has adversely impacted our physical health, our mental and spiritual well-being, our economic stability, as well as our sense of community and our ability to interact socially with family members and friends. And our regular home, work, school, recreational and shopping routines as we knew them before March of 2020 have all been disrupted. None of these aspects of our lives are the same as they were 9 months ago. So much has changed and so many changes are yet to come. While we're looking forward to the availability of new vaccines that prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus, we will be fighting to defeat this pandemic well into the 2021 calendar year.

Our upcoming Christmas and New Year's celebrations will be significantly constrained and limited this holiday season. Although doing so differently, there are many elements of Christmas and the New Year that we still can celebrate in spite of the pandemic. Take some time to reflect on how we can keep the following aspects of celebrating Christmas and New Year's in our thoughts and actions, not only during the upcoming holiday season, but also in the next year:

- Keep faith and hope in our lives
- Be encouraging, positive and optimistic
- Retain strength, perseverance and resilience
- Give and receive with gratitude and thankfulness
- Support our families, friends and community
- Take time for ourselves to rest and reflect.

We're all in this together as we look forward to the upcoming holiday season and continue to steel ourselves to fight against the pandemic. This holiday season we can demonstrate our gratefulness for our families, friends and community by doing what we need to do to protect everyone, rather than by actually physically spending time with many others. The more we can persevere with everyone in our community "pulling the same rope in the same direction" to protect others, the better the success we ultimately will have with beating down and defeating the COVID-19 virus. We at SPFAS encourage you "to keep on keeping on", as together we navigate our way towards attaining a future "new normal" when this virus is no longer so adversely impacting us. We at SPFAS will "keep on keeping on" as well. Go to the SPFAS website ([www.springbankpark.com](http://www.springbankpark.com)) to obtain updates with regards to how we at SPFAS are safely able to support our community during the upcoming holiday season, as well as in the new year.

A blessed and safe Christmas and New Year to you and your family from all of us at SPFAS!



Contributed by John Rop, SPFAS General Manager



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# CELEBRATING

## BILL TAJCNAR'S SERVICE TO THE SPRINGBANK COMMUNITY

Bill and Shirley Tajcnar returned to Canada in 1974 after having spent 5 years working with a Canadian team that, under the auspices of the Canadian International Development Agency, provided a teacher training program in Ghana, West Africa.

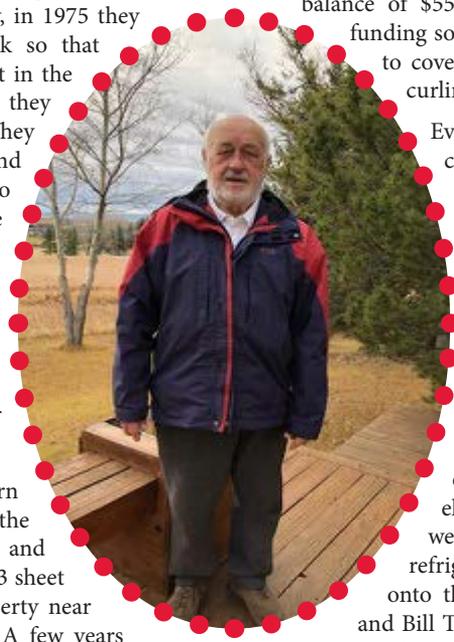
Having been raised on farms in southern Alberta, Bill was not keen on he and Shirley raising their family in an urban city environment. In conjunction with Bill taking a teaching job in Calgary, in 1975 they built their house in Springbank so that their children could grow up out in the country at a home place where they could keep all sorts of pets. They particularly enjoyed owning and taking care of three horses, two of which the kids trained to be very good jumpers. While the Tajcnar children had fun with their pets, Bill for many years faithfully taught mathematics to students at schools located in Calgary. Bill's teaching career is highlighted by his 33 years of serving as a mathematics teacher.

Upon Bill's and Shirley's return from Africa, Bill joined the Springbank Curling Club. Bill and other Club Members curled in a 3 sheet facility that was built on a property near the Springbank Middle School. A few years later, Bill was elected to serve as President of the Springbank Curling Club. He and other Club Members came up with an idea and plan to build a new curling facility in Springbank. Fourteen enthusiastic Club Members participated in a series of telephone blitzes that raised funds to finance the construction of a new curling rink. Derek Smith and Lloyd Sandau provided phone banks at their respective offices, which were very useful for making numerous phone calls. These phone blitzes, which were focused on selling \$500 debentures

to Springbank residents, generated \$80,000 in total. Along with another \$20,000 held in its bank account, the Club had \$100,000 available to assist with financing the construction of a new 6 sheet curling rink. The Club's \$100,000 was combined with financial contributions provided by both the Rocky View West Recreation Board and Rocky View County, as well as with the proceeds from a relatively small bank loan. A total cash balance of \$550,000 was generated from these funding sources. This amount was sufficient to cover the entire capital cost of a new curling rink and ice refrigeration plant.

Even though the money for the curling rink capital project was in place, lots of work remained to be completed. Shortly after the conclusion of the debenture drive, the number of participants engaged in the project dropped drastically. The responsibilities of getting building blueprints drawn up, as well as of securing contractors to construct the new curling rink, install an ice refrigeration plant and complete related electrical, plumbing, cement floor, weeping tile, insulation, heating and refrigeration pipe installations, all fell onto the shoulders of Julio Simmonelli and Bill Tajcnar. They "led the charge" with moving the new curling rink project forward to completion. Julio and Bill certainly appreciated the help they received from Dixie Bradley, who answered phone calls for them, as well as from Bob Shuler, who looked after issuing payments for the project. The new curling rink was completed on its present site at the Springbank Park For All Seasons (SPFAS) during the 1978 - 1979 curling season. Bill has always stated: "Without Julio, the new curling rink would never have built. He was

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a tremendous person to work with. Many thanks go to him and his draftsmen, who after having worked all day, often voluntarily stayed well into the night at their office to work on the curling rink project. The only tangible rewards they received for their efforts included the pizza they ate and the few beers they drank the evenings they worked on the project.”

Bill’s role with the Springbank Curling Club continued well beyond his contributions to the Club’s construction of a new curling rink. Bill served as the Club’s President for nine years. He provided his leadership with revising the Club’s management structure, resulting in each of the Club’s Week Night Adult Leagues operating its own activities. The Club’s Adult League management structure is still in place today. Bill’s service as President also assisted the Club with navigating its way through a difficult period in the early 1980’s. After a few years of the Club owning and operating the curling rink, it transitioned to becoming the responsibility of SPFAS. The economic slump incurred in the early 1980’s resulted in low curling participant numbers, which in turn led to some members of the SPFAS Board of Directors advocating at that time that the sport of curling be eliminated at the Park and that the curling rink be transitioned to figure skating and hockey ice use. With Bill’s leadership, the Springbank Curling Club held steadfast in its desire to retain the sport of curling at SPFAS. As a result, this facility continued to be utilized exclusively by curlers during each curling season. For more than 40 years, through various “ups and downs navigating through peaks and valleys”, residents of Springbank and many other communities have enjoyed curling at SPFAS.

During his time residing Springbank, Bill has also been actively involved with the Springbank Lions Club. This organization has to date contributed well over \$850,000 to worthy causes, many of which are linked to supporting initiatives and projects within the Springbank Community. The three Springbank schools operated by Rocky View Schools, as well as SPFAS, have all been direct beneficiaries of the Lions Club’s support, including related financial contributions. Over the years, Bill has served in various roles for different terms on the Lions Club’s Board of Directors. In the past year, Bill was planning to transition from the First Vice-President’s role to serving as the Club’s President. However, for personal health reasons that presently require him to remain in a self-imposed isolation, Bill has not been able to assume the President’s role with the Springbank Lions Club.

Bill and Shirley have been Members of the Springbank Heritage Club for many years. Through this time, they

have both been very active volunteers with the Club. Bill has twice served as the Club’s President, each time for a term of two years. He most recently served as the head of a Committee established by the Club that has a mandate to plan for a Facility Renovation & Addition capital project. The Committee’s accomplishments to date include obtaining a financial commitment of over \$279,000 from Rocky View County for this capital project.

Most everyone who has coordinated or otherwise volunteered to serve at fund raising casino events benefiting Springbank organizations has met Bill. Since the mid-1970’s, Bill has served as a volunteer for countless casinos that have benefited many different organizations. His casino service track record includes him volunteering to help at as many as four casinos in one calendar year!

Bill has many other experiences and stories he could share, including selling tickets to Springbank Curling Club Fall Dances he helped put together, taking the refrigeration plant out of the old 3 sheet curling rink, and helping out at too many to count Lions Club Pancake Breakfasts.

The Springbank Community warmly thanks Bill for all of his contributions over the years. The Springbank Curling Club, the Springbank Lions, Club, the Springbank Heritage Club and SPFAS are just a few of the local organizations that have benefitted substantially from Bill’s community service. We all express our appreciation to Bill for his efforts. And we all wish him and the entire Tajcnar Family the very best in the future. We are looking forward to the day coming when we once again see Bill enjoying being out and about in our Community, especially so with him being able to spend time with his friends who belong to the Springbank Lions, Heritage and Curling Clubs. Be well and safe, Bill. And always let Shirley take very good care of you! Thanks for everything you’ve done and continue to do for Springbank.

 *Contributed by John Rop (with historical information provided by Bill Tajcnar)*



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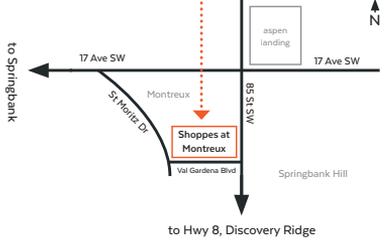
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## 2020 Not So Bad After All

Our province has overcome a lot in 2020! We faced an oil price war that dropped our commodity prices into negative values, a collapse of the entire global economy, and the evaporation of international travel and tourism, all of which left our unemployment rate in the double digits. There is no denying that many of you felt hardship over the past twelve months. Yet as we finish off the year and prepare to embark on a new one, we cannot afford to let that eternal optimism that makes up our Albertan identity grow dim. As we say goodbye to the year that some wish never was, I want to highlight some of the good news stories that never made media headlines so that you can join me in looking towards 2021 with newfound hope for the future.

Throughout the year, Alberta decisively managed to keep 85% of our economy open, contrary to many jurisdictions who chose to lockdown. All the while, our Government worked to make strategic policy and financial investments that will ensure our province emerges from COVID 19 with a stronger, more diversified economy than ever.

We advanced an industry-transcending reduction of the business tax rate, giving our province a competitive edge over other North American jurisdictions. We also instituted a new research and development tax credit for Albertan entrepreneurs; reduced red tape on job creators; passed

prompt payment legislation to ensure contractors do not go unpaid for their labour and sunk costs and significantly deregulated the green energy market. On top of all this, we began developing a broadband strategy to help rural Albertans work from home and invested \$99 million into childcare so parents could get back to work.

To avoid sounding naïve, I will acknowledge that Alberta undoubtedly still has a long way to go until we reach pre-pandemic employment levels, despite our best efforts. Regardless, recent announcements from nearly every industry, coupled with job growth of over 38,000 full-time positions in September, suggest that 2021 looks optimistic and that these policy changes will indeed bring economic returns in the future.

Construction of the Keystone XL pipeline commenced on April 1, creating the opportunity for 7000 Albertan jobs while increasing our daily export capacity by over 830,000 barrels. Suncor announced that they would be relocating all of their corporate Ontario operations to Alberta, stating "their commitment to Calgary." E3 Metals announced the creation of 500 jobs at their new lithium production facility. Private green investment injected \$2.4 billion into our economy. Including \$200 million by Perimeter Solar, \$500 million by Greengate Power, \$200 million by BHE Canada for their Rattlesnake Ridge wind farm, and \$1.4 billion into cogeneration units for the oil sands. Echelon Wealth opened a new western Canada investment bank in Calgary for oil and gas, power generation, renewable energy, and clean technology. Alberta's agricultural commodity sales increased by 4.8% over the five-year average of \$7.2 billion. Construction began on a \$45 million biorefinery, which will use Alberta-made technology to convert animal and plant waste into organic fertilizer and renewable natural

gas. \$280 million from Alberta's new industry-funded Technology, Innovation and Emissions Reduction (TIER) Fund created 5000 new jobs working on emissions reduction projects. Calgary realized \$200 million of private investment in the technology sector, breaking a historical record. Alberta Culture Days managed to go on with four full weeks of performing and fine arts shows. And our province even recognized a net gain of 246 doctors!

The year is now almost over, and I know many of you are grateful for that.

When you reflect on these times, I hope you will be able to remember that it wasn't all bad. Aside from the economic advancements our economy made, 2020 also gave us the unique opportunities to spend extra time with our families, reconnect with nature, try new hobbies, volunteer in our communities, and reevaluate what is most important to us. In the busyness of ordinary life, we don't often afford these simple pleasures our time.

2020 may not have been our favourite year, but reflecting, we still have a lot for which we can be thankful. There tends to always be good all around us, sometimes we just forget to open our eyes and see it.



# FROM AN EMPTY WAREHOUSE TO AN INDOOR FIELD OUR PLAYERS LOVE, YOU HAVE MADE ALL THE DIFFERENCE!



Our new Springbank Indoor Soccer Facility is now open. Lots of people put in countless volunteer hours to get the facility up and running. Many individuals worked multiple shifts while taking on a variety of roles day in and day out. To all our Club's members and others who volunteered their time, tools, and expertise and who also took away from their own family time to help with this project, we with the Springbank Soccer Club sincerely thank you all. We are truly grateful for your contributions and your "whatever it takes" attitudes!

Seeing the faces and hearing the excitement of the first groups of soccer players to practice in the new facility was music to our ears! Know you have made a huge difference with creating a positive new indoor soccer experience for players and their families. This project truly is the result of an outstanding community effort.



The Club was dealing with lots of moving parts as we attempted to put a schedule together for the entire project. Many volunteers stepped up at the last minute when they were contacted on short notice. They all brought with them a "happy to help attitude". The Club also thanks Bark Mulch Depot and the Springbank Park

For All Seasons for stepping up at the last minute when we needed help from these organizations, which they provided unconditionally in return.



As is seen in the photo below, the Club was able to borrow shovels, other tools, and even an ATV.



Our Springbank Soccer Club truly is a great organization that we with the Club are very proud of. And we all love being part of our Springbank Community, too. Go Springbank!

*Contributed by Vance Alexander – Springbank Soccer Club's General Manager*

# KIM MCKYLOR

## Rocky View Country Councillor for Division 2



Merry Christmas and my very best wishes to you and your family this holiday season.

### A couple of updates in Division 2:

The dog park, located on Township Road 245 just east of the schools (between The Dens and Westlife Church), is pretty much ready to go. At

the time this was written, the County was working on just a few minor items. Hopefully by the time you are reading this, the dog park will be completed and it'll be a great place to stop at, let your pup get some exercise and socialization, and also serve as a place where you can meet a friend for a safe walk with your dogs. These lands were originally allocated by Councillor Brenda Goode to be the location for a Community Centre. While that plan hasn't come together yet, it makes good sense to use these lands for a great community amenity. I'm glad that my motion to use these lands as a dog park was approved by Council! Watch for the grand opening next spring.

At the end of October, Council held its Annual Organizational Meeting. This year we elected Dan Henn,

Councillor for Division 7 (Balzac area) as the Reeve. I was elected as the Deputy Reeve. I can't thank Councillors Greg Boehlke and Al Schule enough for their contributions with getting a new Council up to speed and working through some pretty big items during the past 3 years. Without their leadership and mentorship, I wouldn't have felt confident enough to step up to this challenge. As we complete the final year of our elected terms, I'm hopeful that this change on Council is seen as a positive all the way around and that we can continue to accomplish great things for Rocky View County's future.

I will continue to chair Rocky View County's Recreation Governance Board and also serve as a Member of the County's Agricultural Services Board and Municipal Planning Commission. And I will continue to serve on the Board of Directors for both the Springbank Park For All Seasons Agricultural Society and the Spray Lakes Sawmills Recreation Park Society.

This is the time of year when I am most thankful for the people around me – The people who support me at home, in friendships and at work. I feel so fortunate to be surrounded by some pretty amazing people, especially my husband, Brian, and our daughter, Emily.

Have a wonderful holiday season no matter how you celebrate!

From my family to yours – Merry Christmas!

*Kim McKylor, Deputy Reeve, [kmckylor@rockyview.ca](mailto:kmckylor@rockyview.ca), 403-462-9207*



## SPRINGBANK HERITAGE CLUB

### Annual General Meeting Notice

The Springbank Heritage Club is planning to hold its next Annual General Meeting (AGM) commencing at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 in the Club's facility. A quorum of Club Members will be required to conduct this Annual General Meeting. COVID-19 virus spread prevention measures and restrictions will be in effect. More information about this Meeting will be made available closer to the date of the AGM.

*Contributed by Val Finch, President of the Springbank Heritage Club*





Global Sport Academy, a proud partner of the Springbank Park For All Seasons, is very pleased to offer hockey and golf programming for Grades 7 - 12 at both the Springbank Community High School and Springbank Middle School.

Global's golf program offerings continue to evolve and grow with respect to helping golfers at all skill levels work on their games and reach new heights. We have various programming streams available to golfers, as we provide them with different pathways to pursue their personal development. This past year, many of our golf athletes moved on to the collegiate level. We offer academy programs, winter programs and other golf training programming as well. We currently have a few spots available in our winter peak program (open to all junior ages), which includes training on our golf simulators and working on golf course management with Kayde Cassidy, our CPGA golf pro and head coach. To obtain more detailed information, you are welcome to contact Kayde by sending your email to [kcassidy@globalsportacademygroup.com](mailto:kcassidy@globalsportacademygroup.com).

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Contributed by Paul Bradley, Global Sport Academy Group's Operations Manager (O: 587-430-0444 C: 587-893-1321 E: [pbradley@globalsportacademygroup.com](mailto:pbradley@globalsportacademygroup.com))



The Springbank Community Association continues to advocate for our community in the controversial SR-1 project. We presented at the pre-hearing held earlier in December to gain intervenor status in the NRCB (National Resources Conservation Board) hearing.

This has been characterized as a land owner dispute by the Alberta Government and a necessary project for the greater good, downplaying the extremely experimental and negative aspects of this flood mitigation project and ignoring alternatives that could solve more issues without sacrificing so much of Springbank. We were plainly told by the Alberta Minister of Transportation, Ric McIver, that there were no positives in the project for our community. We want to make sure that it is viewed by the federal regulators as the risk that it is for our community, so that we aren't literally left in the dust.

Please go to our website ( [www.springbankcommunity.com](http://www.springbankcommunity.com) ) or our Facebook page to obtain additional information about this project. Please sign up for our monthly e-newsletter to receive our updates.

*Contributed by Lynn Munro, Member of the Springbank Community Association's Board of Directors*

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# KEVIN HANSON

Rocky View Country Councillor for Division 3



## CAO's Economic Recovery Task Force

For the first time since his hiring, Rocky View's Chief Administration Officer (CAO) Al Hoggan personally presented to Council in public. The topic was the result of his Economic Recovery Task Force think-tank effort which was launched earlier this spring. The panel

included Harmony Beef CAO, Cross Iron Mills GM, Highfield Investment Group President, Century Downs GM, Langdon Waterworks CAO, the Bavarian Inn Owner/Operator, Councillors Schule and McKylor, and key staff members.

From my point of view, conspicuously absent was any representation from our fast-growing Logistics sector. When I questioned this, Council was informed that the development voice at the table (owner of the High Plains Industrial Park) could speak on the sector's behalf.

The recommendations embraced four main concepts:

1. Creating opportunities for enhanced business-to-business (B2B) connections, connections between businesses and prospective employees (Recruiting), and business to customers (B2C);
2. Developing a comprehensive RVC Marketing Plan;
3. Reducing red-tape to enhance RVC's business-friendly environment;
4. Advocating through provincial, national, and international agencies to raise the profile of the County.

I found it less of a COVID response plan, than a step to assess how we manage our growth more strategically, deliberately promote the plans we have, and how we better support our established business ecosystem - all of which suggests we need to do more than just focus on growth for growth's sake.

I saw the Task Force result as:

1. A positive step in continuing to build on our success over the past 10 years (\$5B growth in Assessment Base from \$13.5B to \$18.7B, including a \$2.2B increase in non-residential);
2. Taking a strategic approach to our marketing, beyond simply being "open for business";

3. Directing the County to look for more cooperation and synergy in our existing commercial and industrial oriented ASP's;
4. Gaining more control - more coordinated and purposeful planning - not just being driven by land owners and developers;
5. Providing support for our Specialized Municipality application with respect to demonstrating responsible management of our businesses once they are here - as part of fiscally responsible and capital-efficient planned growth.

## Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Virtual Convention

Thanks to the removal of the sanctions, I was able to attend this fall's biannual convention. Due to the online format, our opportunity for networking with peers across the province was severely curtailed. Instead, we invited our rural neighbours Wheatland County to join us in watching the conference remotely. This permitted some socially distanced networking, as we were supporting each other in a couple of RMA motions.

A key topic of this convention was RMA discussing advocating to the Province on the Rural's behalf with respect to changes to the Linear Asset Tax Assessment Model. In a nutshell, the Province took a very non-transparent and closed approach. It met privately with Oil Industry advocates while effectively shutting-out Municipalities. Earlier this year, a gag-order communications embargo was imposed on the RMA Executive, preventing communication with its members.

In July the Province lifted RMA's embargo. Municipal leaders staged protests in front of the Legislature, and RMA continued to advocate for a better model. In the end, common sense prevailed and the proposed changes were scaled back, with both industry and municipalities shouldering the responsibility for economic recovery.

## Premier Kenney's Address

Kenney continued to promote Oil & Gas, and basically offered a preview of his upcoming election speech. Of interest was his discussion on Economic Stimulus of \$10B for infrastructure projects with the majority of the funding going to rural municipalities.

## Opposition Leader Notley's Address

Notley's counterpoint was a critique of how Kenney's government was handling Alberta doctors, the healthcare system, and the downloading of provincial costs, like policing, to rural municipalities. She also took the opportunity to discuss economic diversification with respect to rural Albertans.

## Arlene Dickinson Keynote

Dickinson delivered a speech entitled "Reinvention". Discussing the challenges of COVID with an adaption

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to a municipal context, her core message was that in order to survive you need to be able to pivot when necessary and remain flexible in challenging times. She offered methods for how to do that, and talked about the importance for diversification into sectors like agri-health and higher value agri-food.

### RMA Resolutions

With Wheatland County as our seconder, our resolution that RMA lobby Municipal Affairs to create a dispute resolution process for Councillor sanction and disqualification unfortunately failed. It received about 58% approval with 60% required due to its legal nature.

Positively, our nomination support for Wheatland's Reeve, Amber Link, for our RMA Zone 2 Director, proved successful. No doubt, she will represent us well. Wheatland's motion to have RMA lobby the Province for implementation of Agricultural Land Trusts was also successful.

As we start into the 2nd wave of the COVID pandemic, town-hall style meetings continue to be challenging. Please e-mail me if you would like to be added to my e-mail list for potential future e-mail and on-line communications - [Kevin.Hanson@RockyView.ca](mailto:Kevin.Hanson@RockyView.ca) or call 403.463.1166.



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The Springbank Community and surrounding areas are served by the 952 'Westjet' Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron. We are still recruiting for the 2020-21 Training Year. Subject to the Province of Alberta's and other authorities' COVID-19 virus spread prevention directives, the Squadron is planning to meet Thursday evenings on through June at the Springbank Heritage Club. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, special safety processes and protocols are in place (which are subject to change). Go to <https://www.952aircadets.ca/take-action> to obtain the most current information.

If you are ready to join the Squadron, you will need to provide a copy of your Alberta Health Care card, as well as proof of your birth date (Birth Certificate or Passport). Go to <https://www.952aircadets.ca/take-action> to obtain enrollment documents and the related registration procedures.

More detailed information about the Air Cadets and the 952 Squadron can be found at [www.952aircadets.ca](http://www.952aircadets.ca). You can also obtain additional information by sending your email to [952rcacs@gmail.com](mailto:952rcacs@gmail.com).

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# SPRINGBANK WILDLIFE

Except for the migratory birds flying south and the bears and other creatures who hibernate, the wildlife with whom we share our community are now during the cold fall and winter seasons having to expend more energy and become more creative with finding their food sources. Their travels are taking them to areas they might not typically trek through during the warm spring and summer seasons when food supplies are much more in abundance. And their dining menus have become much more diverse as they look for nourishing food supplies to fill their bellies in order that they can stay warm, mobile, and healthy. It takes a lot of effort for wildlife, as well as for humans, to survive and thrive during the prolonged winters experienced throughout our Province!

Earlier on in October, Debra Zelisko enjoyed watching a moose family visit her residence, where they nibbled on willows and drank from her pond. Later in the month, Christine Hewitt observed two young strapping moose nomadically trekking through the hills and valleys in and around her home as they stayed alert while searching for new food sources. No doubt, moose are certainly very capable of covering long distances in short periods of time!

We also have two examples of wildlife being creative with expanding their dining menus. During October, Debra Zelisko also enjoyed watching a mule deer trying to raid the bird feeder located on her property, in order that it could then feast on a variety of seeds. Early in November, Arlene Rop was surprised one day to find a young doe munching on the pumpkins left over from the "Fall Colors Display" she had put together in the old wagon located in her front yard.

Our wildlife feature is only complete if it includes at least one bird photo. Christine Hewitt has shared with us another of her photos, this one of a cedar waxwing who is triumphantly and proudly showing off to the world a berry that it will soon devour.

Thanks to the Springbank residents who have sent me their locally taken wildlife photos. If you would like to share bird and animal photos you've recently taken in Springbank, you are most welcome to email them to [jrop@springbankpark.com](mailto:jrop@springbankpark.com).

 Contributed by John Rop – SPFAS General Manager



# SPRINGBANK COMMUNITY PLANNING ASSOCIATION (SCPA)

In July, the draft **Springbank ASP (Area Structure Plan)** was split into two ASP's on a motion by Rocky View County Councillor [Kim McKylor](#), without public consultation with Springbank residents. That's not what we had asked for! Watch for a public hearing announcement, which will be residents' last chance to give our feedback. Obtain more information at: <https://www.rockyview.ca/springbank-area-structure-plan>.

The proposed **Springbank Off-stream Dry Dam (SR1)** is not a done deal yet! The Alberta government held information sessions recently in Springbank and Bragg Creek, but we residents are still fighting this negative project which will likely cost Alberta taxpayers a billion dollars. The Springbank Community Association (SCA) is leading the charge for residents in the next step of the process, the National Resources Conservation Board (NRCB) hearings. What can you do? Sign up to support SCA at: <https://springbankcommunity.com/?fbclid=IwAR0pNEIeHgLwOVydNC73FnLQ80ZFDbUSTmrrpjvRKB2NirFZcindYEuHNCE>. To obtain more information about the NRCB process, go to: <https://www.nrcb.ca/natural-resource-projects/natural-resource-projects-listing/83/springbank-off-stream-reservoir-project>.

The draft **Elbow View Area Structure Plan (ASP)** covers 2,200 acres west of Elbow Valley West on both sides of Highway 8 from RR 32 to RR 34, south to the Tsuu T'ina Nation and north to the Elbow River. The ASP anticipates a future population of 10,000 to 25,000

residents. The ASP proposes village cores on both sides of Highway 8 along RR 33, traffic lights at RR 32, and traffic circles at both RR 33 and 34. You can review the ASP and complete the online survey at: <https://www.rockyview.ca/elbow-view-area-structure-plan>. You can send your questions and comments to the consultant, Adam Harrison ([adam.harrison@02design.com](mailto:adam.harrison@02design.com)), and you can also email them to municipal planner Jessica Anderson ([janderson@rockyview.ca](mailto:janderson@rockyview.ca)), who works in Rocky View County's Planning Department.

A new concept scheme, **Highway 1/Old Banff Coach Road (OBCR)**, has been prepared for the Rudiger Ranch and adjacent areas in Springbank, which adjoin Calgary's West View ASP. It proposes city-type density residential/ commercial development in Rocky View County, including another large mall and turning OBCR into a four-lane road! The land is immediately south of Highway 1, east of RR 31, and east and north of Old Banff Coach Road. More information is available at: <https://www.rockyview.ca/Portals/0/Files/BuildingPlanning/Planning/UnderReview/ProposedCS/Proposed-CS-Highway-1-Old-Banff-Coach-Road.pdf>.

Please email SCPA your feedback about these and any other development issues in Springbank by sending your message to: [plan.springbank@gmail.com](mailto:plan.springbank@gmail.com).

*Contributed by the Board of the Springbank Community Planning Association (SCPA)*

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## ROCKY VIEW COUNTY INSTALLS NEW SOLAR POWERED PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALK LIGHTS ON RANGE ROAD #33

The Springbank Park For All Seasons (SPFAS) extends thanks to Rocky View County (RVC) for recently installing a new set of solar powered crosswalk light signals just to the north of the Springbank Road / Range Road #33 intersection. As is illustrated by the number of footprints in the snow shown in the photo above, even in the winter season, this crosswalk is used frequently. The parking lot in the Lions Soccer Park provides vehicle parking capacity for Springbank Community High School (SCHS) students during the school year. It also provides overflow parking capacity when SPFAS hosts major events that draw many participants and spectators. In addition, this crosswalk is used often during the other three seasons of the year by High School students participating in SCHS physical education classes and SCHS team sports activities held in the Lions Soccer Park. Springbank Soccer Club families frequently use this crosswalk during the outdoor soccer season to

go back and forth between the fields located within the Soccer Park and those situated on the Main Site. SPFAS appreciates RVC's efforts to install this new set of crosswalk lights, which certainly assist with keeping everyone at SPFAS and SCHS safe. Thanks again!

 *Contributed by John Rop, SPFAS General Manager*





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# Springbank Playschool



**SPRINGBANK**  
Figure Skating Club



The Springbank Playschool has been a part of the Springbank community for generations. We focus on play-based learning and we are proud of our small class sizes and supportive environment. We have started planning for the 2021/2022 school year and we have recently received the Playschool Board's approval to make some changes to our Program. Our foundation will remain the same, with the children's best interests our priority, and required parent involvement. We hope these changes will increase registration numbers and make the Playschool an even better fit for all interested families.

Starting in September, we will no longer have mandatory in-class parent volunteering. Instead, we will require a parent of each child to take on a volunteer role. These roles vary in terms of time commitment and responsibility. From President to Recycling volunteer, parents can be as involved as they would like to be. Also in September, we will be hiring a teaching assistant to work beside Ms. Ellery and Ms. Kim in their classes. This will allow for more flexibility in activities for the students, as well as consistent support for our amazing teachers. Parents will still be always welcomed and encouraged to be in the classroom.

Registration for next year begins on January 23rd. Please go to the Playschool's website ([www.springbankplayschool.ca](http://www.springbankplayschool.ca)) and our Facebook page to obtain updates and additional information. Contact us by sending your email to [springbankpsinfo@gmail.com](mailto:springbankpsinfo@gmail.com) if you have any questions! Thanks to all of our families and volunteers for your consistent help and support!

*Contributed by Delaney Kaminski, President of the Springbank Playschool*



With fingers crossed and bated breath, Skate Alberta managed to hold the regional Sectional Competition for pre-novice, novice, junior and senior categories. With heightened health protocols in place that included staggered entries for competitors, no spectators, and strict warm up and skating guidelines, Springbank skaters took to the ice.

This year, we had five competitors compete in this important competition – Tim Pomares, Milara Okabe, Grace Johnson, Vienna Nodwell, and Katya Gereluk. Competing with larger Figure Skating Clubs from Calgary and Edmonton who brought many skaters to this event, our 'small but fierce' contingent of Springbank Figure Skating Club skaters placed very well, achieving personal bests and two bronze medallists. Grace Johnson and Tim Pomares both placed third in their respective Junior categories, as they demonstrated both power and artistic expression in their programs.

With the ever-changing climate and the logistical challenges that these large competitive events present, most upcoming competitions have been cancelled or delayed until the Spring of 2021. This said, the Springbank Figure Skating Club's skaters are still hard at it as they train with their coaches, improving their techniques and programs for when they can compete again.

*Contributed by Dianne Gereluk for the Springbank Figure Skating Club*



# THE SPRINGBANK COMMUNITY'S RICH CURLING HISTORY AND HERITAGE

## Many Treasured Memories from the Late 1940's on to Today

The Springbank Community has a rich curling history and heritage “in its blood” that spans more than 70 years.

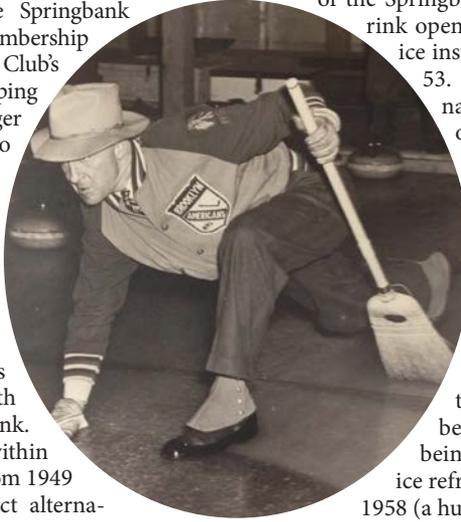
In January of 1949, Eugene Leppard (the principal of the Springbank School at that time), led a group of gentlemen who formed the Springbank Men's Club. The Club's primary focus and objective was to promote and advance the “general betterment of the Springbank Community”. The Club's 1949 membership roster included 74 names. The Club's first accomplishment involved helping the local hockey club build a bigger and better outdoor rink that also featured dressing rooms and a lunch counter.

Why is the Springbank Men's Club important when reviewing the history of curling in Springbank? Because, as a part of looking to “better the community”, the Club's members ultimately “led the charge” with building an indoor curling rink. Considerable debate took place within Springbank during the period from 1949 – 1951 when two capital project alternatives were presented to residents, one to erect a roof over the outdoor rink and the other to build a new indoor curling rink. After “many heated discussions”, a vote by ballot was conducted in 1951 for the purpose of selecting one of these two capital projects. Of the 40 votes cast, 32 were in favour of the curling rink project, while the other 8 were opposed. Those who voted in favour of the curling rink supported this project because “nearly everyone could participate in the sport of curling and not merely be a spectator”.

Soon after the vote, under the Club's leadership, the formal planning and actual construction of the new 3 sheet curling rink began. Several trucks picked up lumber from the sawmill located in Morley and work began on the site of the Springbank Community's new curling rink (which is adjacent to the current location of the Springbank Middle School). The curling rink opened for the first time, with natural ice installed, during the winter of 1952 –

53. From its inception, in spite of the natural ice often being compromised or nearly lost due to incoming chinook temperatures, the curling rink “did much to unite Springbank”. With the ongoing leadership of the Men's Club, the entire community came together to continue to enhance the curling rink, with natural gas heat being installed in 1952, community fund-raising lunches to fund curling rink projects beginning in 1954, new curling rocks being acquired in 1955 and an artificial ice refrigeration system being installed in 1958 (a huge triumph)!

Thereafter, a new larger scale 6 sheet curling rink was built at the site of the Springbank Park For All Seasons. The article celebrating Mr. Bill Tajcna's contributions to the Springbank Community (that begins on Page 3 of this Park Patter) includes a wealth of information about the construction and operation of the current curling rink. Take a moment to learn and understand more about the history of curling in Springbank by reading this article as well.





The photos included with this article are also intended to assist us with learning more about the history of curling in Springbank, as well as to understand how important it has been to our and other communities. Springbank's curling heritage is highlighted by the "very early years" photo of Mr. Red Dutton curling in the community's first 3-sheet rink, as well as by other photos of local residents participating in curling events from the 1960's onward. The Springbank Curling Club's logo is included in recognition of this organization's outstanding leadership of curling programs and activities in Springbank for more than 50 years. The photo of Canadian Air Force veterans Norman Nelson (left) and Bryce Chase (right) is very special, as it respectfully highlights their love of curling along with their efforts to curl at Springbank with the Friday Morning Seniors League. They both threw rocks and glided up and down the curling ice on Friday mornings at Springbank while they were both well into their 90's, always with smiles on their faces and springs in their steps. Norman curled in Springbank for more than 50 years, while Bryce has thrown rocks at curling rinks located in Saskatchewan and Alberta for more than 60 years!

The photo at the bottom of Page 3 of this Park Patter profiles the curling rink as it is today, where hundreds of Springbank Curling Club adult and junior members, as well as many more residents of Springbank and other communities, enjoy curling at SPFAS. They can do so thanks to the legacy provided by so many community minded and service oriented leaders who, from the late 1940's onward, have built two curling rinks and have also promoted, developed and advanced the sport of curling in Springbank during the past 70 years. Springbank's history includes so many great curling memories! We look forward to many more years of creating new curling memories for residents of Springbank and other communities!

Contributed  
by John Rop,  
SPFAS  
General  
Manager



# THE FRIDAY MORNING 50 PLUS MIXED CURLING LEAGUE

## A Great Safe Curling Opportunity - Have Fun, Exercise and Socialize!

Tim Presber, President of the Friday Morning Curling League and skip of one of the League's Teams, reports that the Fall curling session progressed quite smoothly up until mid-November when the Province of Alberta mandated that restrictions be put into effect for a minimum two week period that eliminated the possibility of regular curling matches being held.

Up until mid-November, the League's curlers demonstrated great understanding and terrific flexibility as they consistently strived to adjust and adhere to Canada Curling's and Curling Alberta evolving curling play guidelines (including wearing masks while on the curling ice).

Most players found the curling to be better than expected. Yes, we can curl with only utilizing one sweeper at a time. The Teams' skips are feeling that, due to the curling sweeping restrictions that are in effect, they are not getting enough exercise. However, from a bigger picture "we can still play perspective", everyone generally seems to be happy to be on the ice. Many of us are spurred on by making those super "great shots" that happen every once in awhile! We are now in a good curling rhythm, as we no longer need to look up the new rules for guidance on how to conduct ourselves safely on the ice. So far, when we've been together Friday mornings at SPFAS in the Curling Rink, no issues have come up that cause us concern.

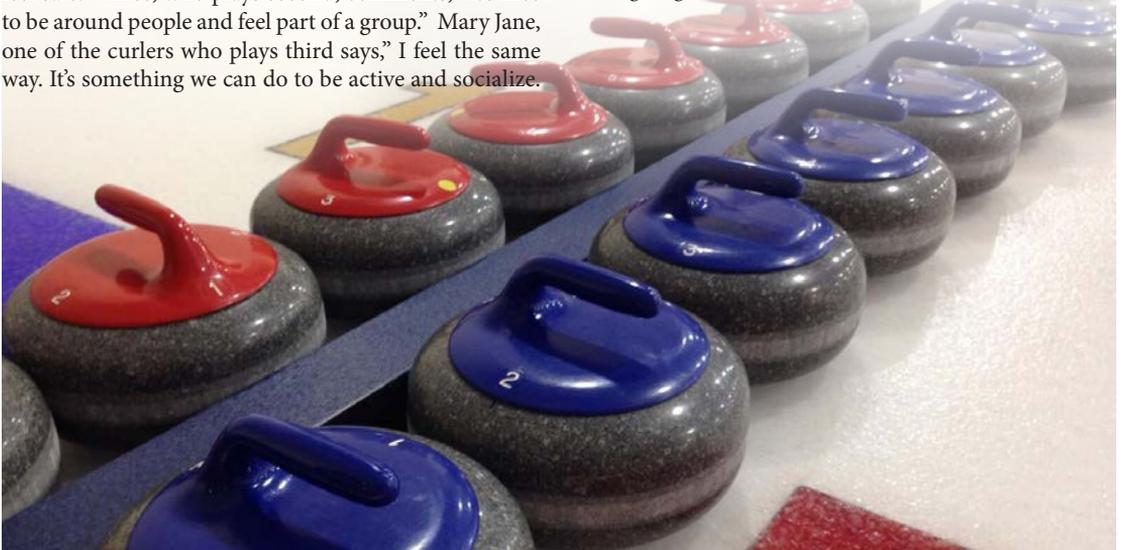
Betty, one of the lead players says, "It's an outing and I feel safe." Alice, who plays second, comments, "It's nice to be around people and feel part of a group." Mary Jane, one of the curlers who plays third says, "I feel the same way. It's something we can do to be active and socialize.

It is limiting because we can't sit around and visit before or afterwards. On the ice, we are in the game and we alternate with the sweeping. I think we are used to being active, so we are happy to be able to get out in the fresh air. I'm a happy curler!"

We are all grateful for the opportunity we've had to curl up until mid-November. We hope that all the positive feedback we have received will be encouragement to those curlers who opted out of registering for the Fall session. Subject to the safety directives we as a League will continue to follow, we encourage those who opted out of the Fall curling session and others as well to sign up for the Winter Session, which runs from January to March. We warmly welcome curlers of all types of skills and abilities to join us! There still can be a lot of curling ice time available during the rest of the current season. As a League, we would love to increase our number of Teams and be able to book more curling ice during the Winter Session. If you are 50 years of age or over and would like to enjoy some safe, active and social time curling with a great friendly group of people, please contact Draw Master, Brian Davies, via email at [briancapitalland@gmail.com](mailto:briancapitalland@gmail.com) or call League President Tim Presber at 403 827 2755. You can sign up individually (you don't have to be a part of a Team, as Teams are drawn out of a hat).

Best wishes for a merry and safe Christmas!

*Contributed by Shirley Tajcnar for the Friday Morning Seniors Curling League*





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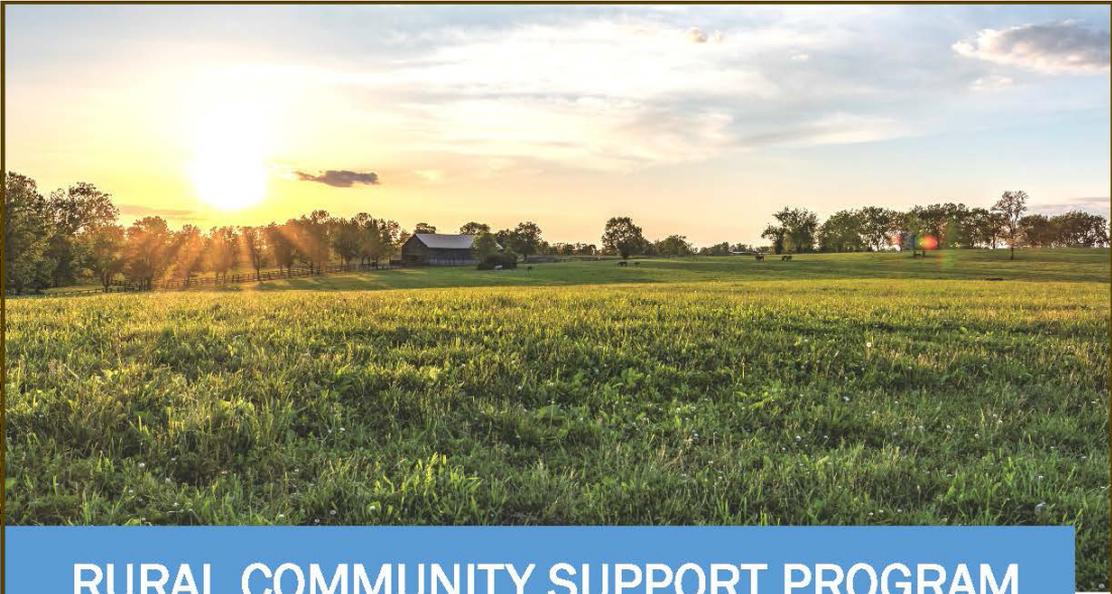


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**For more information about this program, please contact:**

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## SPECTACULAR MORNING SUN RISE IN ELBOW VALLEY

Many of us in Springbank have witnessed beautiful sun rises during the months of November and December. We thank Lynda Gilchrist for sharing with us a photo she recently took of a stunning morning sun rise in Elbow Valley, with the colors in the sky reflecting off of the season's first thin layer of lake ice. We live in a land of open skies, which often become a canvass upon which we are presented with phenomenal sun rises, majestic sun sets, vast chinook arches, billowing thunderstorm clouds and mesmerizing lighting displays. This photo serves as a reminder of the natural beauty that is all around us. Take a moment to pause, reflect and look around where we live. In spite of dealing with much adversity, particularly since March of this year, we certainly can continue to be thankful for and appreciative of where we live. Keep your spirits up and help others to do the same!

*Contributed by Lynda Gilchrist (photo) and John Rop, SPFAS General Manager (written content)*



# RCMP DISPATCH

Merry Christmas, everyone! What do you call an elf wearing ear muffs? Anything you want – He can't hear you!! What do you get when you cross a snowman and a vampire? Frostbite!!

Time is flying by in these strange and unprecedented times, so opposite of the spirit of giving, let's not give the COVID-19 virus a chance to ruin Christmas and New Year celebrations. Please follow all Alberta Health Services guidelines. To obtain more information, please go to [www.alberta.ca/covid19](http://www.alberta.ca/covid19).

December brings about new changes to Alberta's impaired driving laws. These changes were effective as of December 1st, 2020 (as per the approval of Bill 21 – Provincial Administrative Penalties Act). Bill 21 implements immediate, serious, and escalating consequences for impaired drivers in Alberta. It changes how the Province penalizes impaired drivers, by taking many of these cases out of the courts, as well as by freeing up court time and police resources. Good news for everyone, except impaired drivers! The Act also introduces new immediate roadside penalties, while still getting impaired drivers off the roads. For more serious cases (including repeat offenders and incidents causing harm and/or death), impaired drivers will receive roadside penalties and their cases will still be prosecuted in the

courts. For certain offences, the new Act includes new fines of up to \$2,000 as well as increased lengths of times for vehicle seizures (up to 30 days). For repeat offenders, the lengths of drivers licence suspensions have increased and the implementation of mandatory ignition interlock practices has been expanded. Commercial drivers and novice drivers are now subject to new "zero tolerance" parameters and consequences for impaired driving violations.

All of these changes are intended to make Alberta roads safer. With this new Act, Alberta now has some of the toughest impaired driving laws in Canada. British Columbia has had a similar system in place for some time and it has proven to deter impaired driving there.

The Cochrane RCMP are always on the lookout for impaired drivers. We also ask for the public's help with reporting impaired driving incidents. Call 911 when you see some driving that is out of the ordinary, or if you suspect that someone may be driving impaired. An individual can be impaired by both alcohol and/or drugs. Both types of driving impairments carry the same penalties (either provincially or federally).

Thank you for your efforts to help prevent impaired driving. Have a safe and healthy holiday season.

*Contributed by RCMP Constable Clayton Gelinus – Cochrane Detachment*



# SPRINGBANK RAWHIDES 4-H CLUB AND SPRINGBANK EQUESTRIAN SOCIETY & PARK

Springbank Rawhides 4-H Club: The Rawhides 4-H Club in Springbank welcomes new members, who must be at least 9 years old. Go to [www.4hab.com](http://www.4hab.com) to obtain more information about the Club and registering to join as a member. The Club's Organizational Meeting was held on November 6th at the Springbank Equestrian Society's clubhouse. Elections were held for the positions of Club President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Our Club is providing equine, canine and some life skills projects (i.e. non livestock projects) during the current 2020 - 2021 project year. Due to COVID-19 virus spread prevention directives, the Club's members, parents of members and leadership team have worked together to review and update some of our activities (including our projects), so that they can take place in compliance with current virus spread prevention directives. You can also obtain more information about our Club by sending an email to Norma Ansloos at [normaansloos@gmail.com](mailto:normaansloos@gmail.com).

Springbank Equestrian Society & Park:

The Equestrian Society's Park is located in Springbank at 25 Robinson Road on a parcel of land owned by Rocky View County. The Park includes 3 outdoor riding rings, a grass jump course and a playground, which are all available for public use. The Park also includes a community hall (like a club house), which is available for rentals. To obtain more information about the Springbank Equestrian Park, send your email to Coreen Calvert at [coreen.calvert@travellmasters.ca](mailto:coreen.calvert@travellmasters.ca).

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The Springbank Creative Arts Club's mission is to encourage the development of arts and crafts within the Springbank community.

What a year this has been! Most of us will be happy to see the end of 2020 as we hope for a New Year that is more like the "old days". This is yet to be determined!

Our annual Christmas Market had to be cancelled this year due to the pandemic. This year in lieu of attending a face-to-face Christmas Market sale, you can visit the Springbank Christmas Market Group on Facebook to buy perfect gifts for all those on your gift giving list. You must join the Market Group to be able to see the items that can be purchased directly from vendors. All handmade quality décor items, fruit cakes, as well as wood working, jewelry, quilting, sewing and other original products, are suitable to be given as gifts at Christmas, or at other times of the year. The Market Group and Christmas Market are open to sellers as well.

The Club welcomes new members to join and share in the creativity! Do you have a craft or artisan item that you would like to share with the group? If so, send your email with related details to [yjo999@gmail.com](mailto:yjo999@gmail.com). It will



then be determined if there is enough interest in your item being presented to the Club. If you have new business items you would like to review at Club meetings, send your email to [janice3lambert@gmail.com](mailto:janice3lambert@gmail.com).

Although the Christmas Market Sale has been cancelled for this year, Club members continue to meet to share ideas, creations and friendship. We are like minded and we mutually offer support, creativity and inspiration to each other as we all continue to plan for the future. Take advantage of this opportunity to meet artists, artisans and other crafters who live in Springbank. To obtain more information with regards to obtaining a Club membership, send your email to [yjo999@gmail.com](mailto:yjo999@gmail.com). Members are encouraged to bring along their creations (for Show & Tell) to share during the Club's meetings. Follow us at [facebook.com/springbankchristmasmarket](https://facebook.com/springbankchristmasmarket).

The Springbank Creative Arts Club wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and nothing but the best for a Happy New Year in 2021!

*Contributed by Yvonne Bamlett, Springbank Creative Arts Club*



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# EDGE SCHOOL CELEBRATES THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF CHELAN LEES AND CARLA MACLEOD

Chelan Lees was recently named the top fundraiser in Canada for the Terry Fox Run. During her time at Edge School, she has raised over \$20,000 in support of the Terry Fox Foundation. This year alone, Chelan raised over \$5,600 – Making her the top fundraiser across Canada for this year's Terry Fox Run.

Way to go, Chelan! Edge School proudly recognizes Chelan's outstanding support for the Terry Fox Foundation.

Carla MacLeod serves as the head coach of Edge School's U-18 female prep hockey team. She was recently inducted into the University of Wisconsin's Athletics Hall of Fame as a member of the Wisconsin Badgers Hall of Fame Class of 2020. While studying and playing hockey at UW, Carla was an award winning team captain and defenseman, which includes her being recognized as a 2nd Team Women's Hockey All-American in 2004 and 2005. During her senior year, she was also recognized as the U.S. College Hockey Online Defensive Player of the Year, as well as a recipient of the Big Ten Conference Medal of Honor. She finished her college career with 15 goals, 66 assists and 81 points in

113 games. In addition to playing hockey for UW, Carla had a distinguished career as a player on the Canadian National Women's Hockey Team. She represented Canada during many international women's hockey competitions, including a number of Four Nations Cups and IIHF Women's World Hockey Championships, as well as at two Winter Olympics (where she won gold medals in 2006 and 2010). Carla has transitioned her success as a hockey player on the ice to becoming an outstanding coach behind the bench for Edge School's students who play on the female prep hockey team. They are very fortunate to be able to benefit from Coach MacLeod's leadership and mentoring. Edge School warmly congratulates Coach MacLeod on her recent induction into the University of Wisconsin's Badgers Hall of Fame.

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