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KIMMETT CUP

Devin Ness prepares to play in the Kimmett Cup as hundreds of players on 52 teams took to the pond to face off in Cochrane's premier 3-on-3 outdoor hockey tournament Jan. 16.

Photo by Ryan McLeod

Thieves fail to steal ATM machine at Springbank rec centre

By Jenna Dulewich
The Eagle

Springbank Park for All Seasons was the recent target of theft this past week.

Two male suspects attempted to steal an ATM from inside the building on Jan. 15 at 4:30 a.m.

The suspects drove their truck into the front doors and gained access to inside the building. The males then tied a chain around an ATM and attempted to drag it out of the building but they were unsuccessful.

The Cochrane RCMP are looking for two male suspects with a white Chevy truck. Sgt. Darlene White said the investigation is ongoing.

Anyone with information on the crime is asked to call the local RCMP at 403-932-2213 or Crime stoppers at 1-800-222-8477(TIPS).

Collision on Highway 1A

A semi and mini-van ended up in the ditch last Thursday after the most recent snowfall.

There was a collision on Highway 1A, five minutes west of Ghost Lake where the road narrows on Jan. 14 at noon, the RCMP reported.

The mini-van slid on the road and drove into oncoming traffic. Both vehicles ended up in the ditch.

The driver of the mini-van was a male and did not sustain any injuries but was still transported to Calgary for an assessment. The male driver of the semi was not hurt.

Cochrane RCMP are attributing the recent snowfall that day for the cause of the collision.

Playground FUNdraiser at Ducks

By Jenna Dulewich
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A FUNdraiser will be held at the local sports bar Ducks on the Roof this Saturday with monies going towards a playground for RancheView School.

Organizer Cochranite Marni Fedeyko is hosting the event in honour of her 40th birthday and is hopeful to bring together friends and guests to raise money for the playground.

"It's got nothing to do with me – it is an opportunity to fundraise for a good cause," Fedeyko explained.

"The school needs lots of help – they need to raise between $200,000-$250,000 to build a playground. RVS (Rocky View Schools) gives nothing and the Town of Cochrane does not contribute, it is really up to that parent fundraising effort."

Tickets for the event are selling for $20, which buys a steak sandwich and a drink at the local pub. The fundraiser will also have a silent auction, which Fedeyko said she has already obtained 20 items.

"If we can fill Ducks, all the better," Fedeyko said. "Hopefully it will go good."

The fundraiser starts at 6 p.m. at Ducks on the Roof Sports Bar and Grill, located at 205 3 Ave in Cochrane. For more information on ticket go to the 'Forty and FUNdraising' Facebook page or contact Marni Fedeyko through Facebook.

Alicia Bjarnason and her son Kypton Claypool take in the opening ceremony of the Kimmett Cup. Kypton is a Children's Wish recipient (2013) and along with his family has been a huge supporter of Children's Wish fundraisers, as well as the Kimmett Cup.

Paul Holden and his son Spencer get their gear on in the exposed cold air of Mitford Pond

Bow Valley High teacher Marnie Anderson races up the ice with her team The Incredibles as hundreds of players on 52 teams took to the pond to face off in Cochrane's premier three on three style outdoor hockey tournament at the annual Kimmett Cup on January 16. The Kimmett Cup is held in memory of Lindsay Leigh Kimmett and raises money for important causes both locally and abroad.

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Welcome to **KIMMETT CUP**
In Support of the Lindsay Leigh Kimmett Memorial Foundation

Kimmett Cup a huge success, again

By Jordyn Thomson
The Eagle

Once again, the Kimmett Cup was a huge success!

The eighth annual memorial pond hockey tournament brought 52 teams to the ice and a smile to everyone's face. According to Jason Baserman, co-chair of the tournament, one of the highlights of the day was "Wish Child and cancer survivor Kypton scoring his first goal and playing in his first hockey game."

This year's Kimmett Cup Ambassador through the Children's Wish Foundation was Ryan, a 16-year-old hockey fanatic. He was captain of "The Wish Heroes," a team "comprised of his Wish family and other Children's Wish kids and families."

Baserman accounts Ryan "led the (team) to an impressive round-robin finish and is (now) excited to head to the Hockey All-Star Game" happening in Nashville, Tenn., at the end of January. Attending the game was Ryan's wish.

Despite the economic downturn, the community showed tremendous support for the two foundations partnering with the event.

"(At the event) likely nearly $120,000 was raised for Children's Wish Foundation and close to $8,000 was raised for the Helping Families Handle Cancer Foundation," Baserman said.

The tournament is held in memory of Lindsay Leigh Kimmett, a Cochrane resident who tragically passed away in 2008.

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Kimmett Cup records biggest year yet

Charity tournament about community and legacy, not winning and losing

By David Wiechnik
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The ponds have been cleared, the tents taken down, and life is back to normal, but the legacy of this year's Kimmett Cup will linger long in the minds of those who participated in it.

The 3-on-3 pond hockey tournament which is in its eighth year, and was started in memory of Lindsay Leigh Kimmett, saw a record attendance brave the cold weather on Jan. 15 and 16.

"This is a classic Canadian hockey tournament, and it feels great to win it," said Joe Kendal, whose team, Das Cows, were this year's competitive winners.

"It's been fantastic. We're outside, it's cold, but it was a lot of fun."

Did the outdoor ice surface make it difficult to be competitive compared to playing on a typical arena rink surface?

"Absolutely," Kendal said. "Especially after the first two games it got really choppy. There were a lot of cracks, and the puck was bouncing all over the place, but everyone was on the same surface so I'm not complaining."

Was this Kendal's first time taking part?

"No," he said. "Our team has a couple of base players, but we had a bunch of new guys on the team so it was our first time playing as a unit."

What was the final score in the championship game?

"I don't know," laughed Kendal. "It doesn't really matter, it was all for a good cause."

The event managed to raise around $120,000 for the Children's Wish Foundation, which was more than tournament organizer Reid Kimmett originally expected due to the recent economic downturn.

"The amount we raised this year is quite similar to what we've raised in years past," Kimmett said. "To be honest, we thought we might get a bit less given what's going on with the economy. So, to get a little bit more than what we expected was great."

Team-wise, this has been the biggest edition of the tournament yet, with 53 teams taking part this year, up from 48 last time around. Most of the teams have a connection to Cochrane, Calgary, or the University of Calgary Medical School. However, Kimmett stated that, "there were players from every province."

"This was the biggest turnout we've had yet," Kimmett said. "We've had a little bit of growth in numbers, but we're kind of restrained by the amount of ice we have, so this year was the maximum we could do."

What does Kimmett attribute the consistent growth to?

"Word of mouth," he said. "One person will join a team one year, and have such a great time that they'll want to bring more of their friends, and then those people will split off and make even more new teams.

"Every year more and more growth happens that way."

In two weeks time, Kimmett expects to start planning for next year's event and solving the problems of an ever-growing tournament.

"We've always wanted to be an inclusive tournament, he said.

"Anyone that wants to play, we want to be able to accommodate them. There were a couple of teams that were on the waitlist this year that didn't get in, so we're going to do everything we can to get people in that are excited about the tournament and want to honour Lindsay's legacy and contribute to the Children's Wish Foundation."

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Das Cows, the championship winning team of the competitive division of the Kimmett Cup annual outdoor hockey tournament on Jan. 16.
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