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## Grade 12 student completes certificate program at Olds College

Evan McKay, who is currently in his final year at Olds High School, graduated from Olds College's Meat Processing program last spring.

McKay took the popular 19 week program alongside full time college students as part of a high school Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP). He took all his core academic courses in the first semester and completed the certificate program in the second, which in turn led to a summer job at the Olds Co-Op meat department.

"This is a great job and I'm looking at doing it as a career, but I'm keeping all my options open while I complete grade 12," said McKay. "It all worked out really well for me. I wasn't really sure if I could be successful at college, but I received both a college certificate and high school credits. It made me proud and I got a lot of job offers."

## Full steam ahead on other CLC construction Core High School

Housing three gymnasiums, the Health and Wellness Facility, offices of Alberta Children's Services, and a day-minding facility, the core Olds High School on the Community Learning Campus is no ordinary high school. Grand as the CLC facilities are, however, the focus of the planning has always been on programming.

"A focus on creating opportunities for students has always been at the centre of our conversations, and talk of how the facilities could support that vision followed from there," said Dot Negropones, CLC Executive Director.

## Fine Arts and Multi Media Centre

The Fine Arts and Multi Media Centre will become the second CLC facility to officially open to the public.

The Kiwanis Club of Olds hosted a second Radiothon in support of the Community Learning Campus, raising over \$156,000 for the Fine Arts and Multi Media Centre. Forty-seven theatre seats were sold at the August 20 event, which was sponsored by CKfm 96.5 and Rock 104.5 Radio in Olds and OldsTV.com.



Jackie and Ryan Vammen purchased a theatre seat from Kiwanis President Rita Thompson. Ryan will be among the first students to move into the Community Learning Campus during his grade 9 year



Olds Mayor Judy Dahl joked on air with radio host Dan Butler



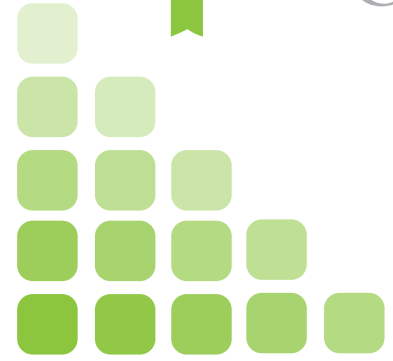
Neale Dowson and his dog Willie O'Toole enjoyed the pancake breakfast during the morning portion of the Kiwanis Radiothon



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## Bell e-Learning Centre delivers opportunities



### GOVERNANCE TEAM

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President, Olds College

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Students from Olds Junior Senior High School began taking computer and media arts classes in the Bell e-Learning Centre in May. For teachers and students alike, the facility is providing the highest levels of technology in magnificent facilities.

"It didn't take them long to love it," said Tom Christensen, Principal of Olds Junior Senior High School. "Students have access to high-end technology, which is a very exciting learning experience for them. As well, bringing together the technological minds that are present in the building inspires the students."

The Bell e-Learning Centre's unique design lends itself to many purposes, from focused individual study to dynamic collaborative learning. Sixteen teachers who are enrolled in the University of Alberta's Master of Education in Educational Studies degree spent part of the summer doing coursework in the Excite Room at the Bell e-Learning Centre.

"It was the best atmosphere in terms of air quality that I've ever been in," said Jim Gibbons, Chinook's Edge Superintendent and CLC Vice-Chair, who was co-instructing the Master students. "The real strength is the ability to move from a formal classroom setting to an informal gathering space to collaborate on projects as a group. The continuous whiteboards in the Excite Room lend themselves really well to sharing ideas and constructing knowledge. This site is delivering exactly what we envisioned when we began planning the Community Learning Campus."



The Bell e-Learning Centre has already been a hub of activity for several months now.

"Everyone is just beginning to discover the possibilities," said Dr. H. J. (Tom) Thompson, President of Olds College and Chair of the CLC. "The Bell e-Learning Centre is not about the hardware, it is about the potential of creating a shared space that brings people together and provides opportunities for everyone."

Discover the possibilities  
visit the Bell e-Learning Centre or learn more on  
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Allan Tarnoczi collaborates with CLC Executive Director, Dot Negropontes, at the Bell e-Learning Centre

## Community Engagement Sites

### Project Manager leads learning and business initiatives

A highly regarded educator and rural learning expert has been selected to help residents of Mountain View and Red Deer counties benefit from the array of learning and business opportunities coming to south central Alberta.

Allan Tarnoczi will serve as Community Engagement Site Project Manager, a leadership role that links surrounding communities with the technology, learning applications and support of the Community Learning Campus (CLC). Tarnoczi's position was created through the "Finishing the Dream" project which received \$2.5 million from Rural Alberta's Development Fund. His primary goal will be to address the needs of people within communities served by the CLC.

"Allan has over 25 years experience as a teacher and leader in rural Alberta," said CLC Executive Director Dot Negropontes. "We are delighted that he will be able to share his vision and expertise to expand the reach and impact of the CLC."

Community Engagement Sites (CES) will provide a close-to-home location for people of all ages to access learning and business tools. Some people may use the CES to take a class for pleasure, while others might build their professional skills through post-secondary courses for credit. Many people will use the SuperNet to support business applications.

Each CES location will have a coordinator who will provide personal support and connect residents with resources specific to their needs and interests. The CES Project Manager will oversee the development of the facilities, technology and staffing over the next three years, and Tarnoczi is eager to take on this new role.

"Only a few rural communities in all of Canada have this opportunity. This project will enhance the rural experience just as paved roads reduced physical isolation many years ago. I'll be looking for people in each community to help us understand and champion local needs, and I'm looking forward to getting started," he said.

Tarnoczi's background is ideally matched to the opportunity. Among his many roles in Chinook's Edge School Division, he served as Division Principal which provided the opportunity to visit every community in the region served by the CLC.

### First CES Council Formed in Cremona

A diverse group of residents from the Cremona area have stepped up to form a Council which will lead the development of that area's Community Engagement Site. Cremona is the first of 12 Community Engagement Sites (CES) that will be formed throughout Central Alberta in communities served by the Community Learning Campus.

"The entire Council is enthusiastic about the CES and the endless places we can go with this in our community," said Tammi Henke, a resident of Water Valley. "It feels like a very progressive group that is prepared to hit the ground running, because we all believe the CES will make a huge impact in this community."

The eight-member Cremona CES Council includes representatives from the local school, local health agencies, the library, community groups, the business community, and Village Council. Henke provides yoga instruction, is a small business owner and has children in the local school. She feels each aspect of the community will be enhanced through the CES.

## Working together for students



"I get to spend another two years at Olds College which is great, because it's an awesome place to be."

OCSA Executive, Kristina Peters, Brittany van Rassel, Christina Zilinski, Kyla McKechnie and Sean Hernandez stand out front of The Crossing (Student Leadership Centre). Christina Zilinski graduated last spring with a certificate in Land Administration and is beginning her first year of a two-year diploma in Land Reclamation.

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Also housed in the facility are the Olds College Students' Association (OCSA) offices and a multi-purpose student gathering spot called The Crossing. The OCSA had planned and saved for new facilities for years, and contributed over \$1 million to be part of the new structure.

"It is exciting to see this building come together so nicely, after so many students spent so many years working towards it," said Christina Zilinski, OCSA President. "We are able to plan more activities and be more visible to students, because we have this large beautiful space. This facility is an important bridge between Olds College students and high school students, and being right next to all this amazing technology is awesome, too. Everyone is really excited about the potential of this Centre."

The OCSA is planning several activities that will increase the connection with high school students, from mentoring opportunities and leadership training to informal brown bag lunch events.

## College employee coaches high school wrestlers to winner's podium

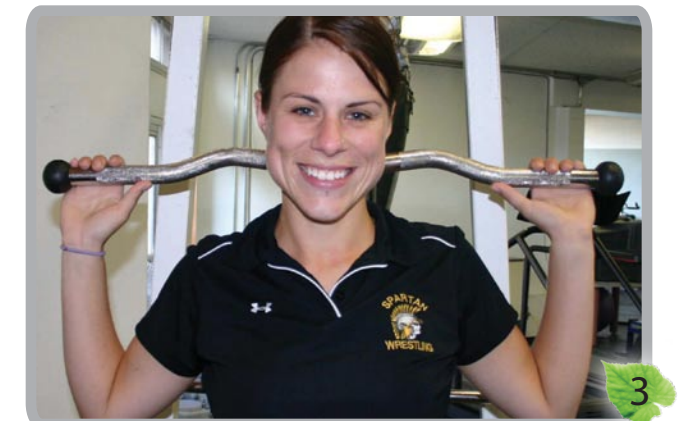
Sarah Gil leaves her Calgary home at 5:30 three mornings every week, so she can arrive at Olds High School in time for wrestling practice. The research technician at the Olds College School of Innovation volunteers as the assistant coach of the girls' high school wrestling team and she was instrumental in three athletes winning medals at the national competition last spring.

"When you take three girls to nationals and all three end up in the gold medal finals, it's a remarkable thing," said head coach and physical education teacher, George Grant. "Sarah was instrumental in helping move those girls right up to the top level. She has been an absolutely phenomenal asset to this team. She's great with the kids and she knows wrestling so well, I can't say enough about what she has done for our program. She's solid as a rock and our students have benefited enormously by her involvement."

Wrestling has been part of Sarah's life since she discovered the sport in grade 9 at her school in Kingston, Ontario. She competed straight through to the end of university, where she earned a BSc in Biology. Through her role at Olds College, Sarah's mentorship of high school students extends well beyond wrestling.

"We have a lot of high school students come to Olds College's School of Innovation to use our facilities and look for guidance on their science fair projects. College staff members frequently share their knowledge with high school students, both here on campus and right in school classrooms. I think there is a solid connection in place between the college and the high school, because people at both places are working hard to help students learn," said Sarah.

Danielle Lappage, who is now attending Simon Fraser University on a full wrestling scholarship, captured the gold medal at nationals last spring, and current grade 12 students Hayley Smith and Jenn Wickwire both brought home the silver.



Community Engagement Sites will be established on a phased-in basis in the communities of:

Bowden, Cremona, Delburne, Red Deer (first year); Elnora, Penhold, Spruceview, Sundre (second year); and Carstairs, Didsbury, Innisfail, and Sylvan Lake/Benalto (third year).

Plans also include links to the Sunchild E-Learning Community.

The Bell e-Learning Centre houses a Community Engagement Site for Olds and area residents