

Lethbridge Entertainment Expo - Leth Herald



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Emily Conley, left, Alexandra Willett, Stefan Cowley, Sarah Sosick and Eric Facchini, pose as characters from the video games "Final Fantasy" and "The Legend of Zelda" during the Lethbridge Entertainment Expo Saturday at Exhibition Park.

Entertainment Expo inspires imagination

INAUGURAL EVENT CONTINUES TODAY AT EXHIBITION PARK

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FOR THE HERALD

Comic book fanatics, movie buffs and those just looking for a dose of distraction came out in droves on Saturday for the first day of the Lethbridge Entertainment Expo at Exhibition Park. The event continues today from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

In creating a new event to the area, organizer Matthew Odland sought to bring a big-city style convention to Lethbridge.

"I love that someone has finally

recognized the demand for something like this here in Lethbridge," said local Jasmine Reid.

"The city has gotten big enough that we shouldn't have to travel to Calgary or anywhere else to be able to access stuff like this," Reid said.

Bailey Greenbring, a first-year University of Lethbridge student and cosplay (costume play) enthusiast, was thrilled to hear that a large entertainment event was coming to the city.

"I'm from Toronto, so I'm used to having things like this going on all the time. A convention like this makes me feel a bit more at home and gives me the opportunity to meet other people who are into the same things as I am. It's a great way to make connections," said Greenbring.

Saturday at Exhibition Park vendors offered wares and visitors participated

in meet and greets with "Star Trek: The Next Generation" star Marina Sirtis, two-time Brier and world curling champion-turned-sci-fi author Ed Lukowich, author Tracy Hickman, and athletes Jordan Mein and Johnny Korthuis.

Lukowich was at the event promoting his novel, entitled "The Trillionist." Lukowich penned the book, which was released in October, under the name Sagan Jeffries.

"I started this book in 1998. For nine years I was a coach for U.S. Olympic Curling, so I was forced to put it on the shelf. I was very, very busy," said Lukowich. Two years ago, Lukowich decided to commit to finishing the book and is now a full-time writer.

The Lethbridge Entertainment Expo continues today at the main pavilion at Exhibition Park.