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University of Lethbridge highlights for the week of February 26 to March 4

The University of Lethbridge has several events lined up this week that may be of interest to your readers, viewers and listeners. Members of the media who are interested in covering these events are encouraged to contact the individual event organizer directly.

Harley Hotchkiss Memorial Lecturer

Monday, Feb. 26, 11 a.m. to noon, EP1201, CCBN

Dr. Kym Rae, an associate professor in the Department of Rural Health (Indigenous Health) at Australia's University of Newcastle, will discuss her work with Indigenous Australian women during pregnancy and throughout the young lives of their children. This population is at increased risk of developing chronic disease in adulthood and efforts are being made to halt these statistics. In addition to sharing current findings about nutrition, obesity and mental health, Rae will talk about the ArtsHealth programs that offer innovative approaches to health care.

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Women Scholars' Speaker Series presents Frankenreads

Wednesday, Feb. 28, noon to 2 p.m., Level 10 alcove, Library

In honour of the 200th anniversary of Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*, several women scholars, including Goldie Morgentaler, Shelley Scott, Nicole Eva, Sandra Cowan, Louise Barrett, Natasha Rebry, Janet Youngdahl and Heather Ladd, will read excerpts and reviews of the 1818 book.

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Winter Walk Day

Wednesday, Feb. 28, noon to 1 p.m., 1st Choice Savings Centre, meet in foyer

Everyone's invited to celebrate Winter Walk Day by bundling up and getting some fresh air and exercise. The walk will go around Aperture Lake before returning to the 1st Choice Centre for hot chocolate and cookies.

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Indigenous Awareness Days

Wednesday, Feb. 28, 3 to 5 p.m., AH176, Anderson Hall

Travis Plaited Hair and Don McIntyre are the keynote speakers in this talk titled *In This Place: An Introduction to the Land, People, and Culture*

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Prairie University Physics Seminar Series – In the Skin of a Dinosaur

Thursday, March 1, 1:40 p.m. to 2:55 p.m., C640, University Hall

Birds are recognized as a branch of the dinosaur family known as avian dinosaurs and represent the legacy of the dinosaurs that roamed the Earth about 65 million years ago. Dr. Mauricio Barbi, from the Department of Physics at the University of Regina, will talk about the discovery and study of well-preserved hadrosaur skin from the Grande Prairie area. A series of data collected using tools such as synchrotron radiation and electron microscopy have been combined to yield the first ever observation of preserved epidermal cell layers in the skin of a large dinosaur. Barbi will compare this skin structure with that of a living avian specimen.

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The F.E.L. Priestley Lecture Series – Guy Vanderhaeghe

Thursday, March 1, 7:30 to 9 p.m., PE250, 1st Choice Savings Centre

Vanderhaeghe, award-winning author of works like *The Englishman's Boy*, *The Last Crossing* and *A Good Man*, will discuss the misunderstandings that occur between historians and writers of historical fiction about what constitutes a correct, rich and full appreciation of the past.

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Transgenerational Effects of Early Life Stress

Friday, March 2, 3 to 4 p.m., C640, University Hall

Mirela Ambeskovic, a PhD candidate, will discuss how adverse experiences in early life influence developmental trajectories, potentially with life-long consequences. Prenatal or early postnatal exposure to stress, undernutrition or environmental toxicants may reprogram brain development and increase the risk of behavioural and neurological disorders later in life. The experiences of ancestors can also affect health trajectories and chances of successful aging.

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