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## Canwood School toasts Class of 2024



Canwood Public School's Class of 2024, from left to right: Tucker McDonald, Hauk Bahnuick, Hansyn Bahnuick, Kaiden Hallett, Bailey Hagel, Rebecca Wilson, Noahlyne Amistad, Fynnlayv Smart, Caleb Bloom, Robert Holmes, and Jaden Schutte.

By **JORDAN TWISS**  
*Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter*

Taking inspiration from Queen's "Don't Stop Me Now," the 11 students in Canwood Public School's Class of 2024 were celebrated in high style on Friday, June 7, as school staff, parents, family, and friends gathered for their graduation ceremony.

The ceremony began in the school gymnasium at 4:30 p.m. Sticking with a long-standing Canwood Public School tradition, graduates Becky Wilson and Hansyn Bahnuick got the afternoon started with the History & Prophecy, a short, often humorous presentation which introduces who each of the graduates is, what they enjoy doing, what they'll be most remembered for, and what they have planned for the future.

Up next, graduates and guests were treated to a slideshow presentation featuring photos of the graduates as they grew up over the years. The presentation was compiled by Laura Hagel, the mother of graduate Bailey Hagel.

Speeches were up next in the program, and, for the second year in a row, teacher Greg Duval was asked to serve as the special guest speaker. Teacher Kori Sansom, who helps coordinate the graduation festivities, says Mr. Duval was chosen because of his unique connection to the class.

"He was their homeroom teacher for four years in a row. He had them for Grade 7 and 8, and then he got bumped up to Grade 9 and 10 at the same time as them," she said.

"They really bonded, having been in the same homeroom together for four years in a row. It was special to have that moment with them."

Along with all the traditional speeches, including the naming of Becky Wilson as valedictorian and student of the year and Hansyn Bahnuick as the Governor General Award winner, Friday's graduation ceremony also featured the presentation of diplomas and academic achievement awards.

Elsewhere, Noahlyne Amistad was the most improved student and the congeniality award winner. She was also presented with an Opening Doors

to Tomorrow Job Fair Scholarship, and received a PAATA Bursary alongside Bailey Hagel, and a Carlson Memorial Scholarship along with Becky Wilson.

As for the subject awards, Becky Wilson won the ELA A30, ELA B30, Math Pre-Calculus 30, Law 30, and History 30 awards, split the Chemistry 30 award with Hansyn Bahnuick, and shared the Physics 30 award with Hansyn Bahnuick and Robert Holmes. Hansyn Bahnuick also earned the PE 30 and PAA Construction awards, and Robert Holmes received the PAA Commercial Cooking award.

Last but not least, the Biology 30 and Psychology 30 awards went to Bailey Hagel, and the Math Foundations 30 and Workplace 30 awards went to Fynnlayv Smart.

Following the ceremonial part of the evening, the graduates and their families headed over to the Canwood Elks Community Hall for toasts and a banquet catered by Debden's Lamplight Cuisine.

"They were really excited about having a traditional grad, at the hall and everything, that we haven't been able

to do since COVID," Sansom said. "This was our first back to normal grad, which was really nice."

Reflecting on her time with the graduates, Sansom says they left an indelible mark on the school and its community, and will be remembered for their individual senses of humour and their willingness to jump up and pitch in, even without being asked.

"It's going to be a crew that it's hard to say goodbye to," she said. "I'm going to miss the joy, laughter, and sense of community they've brought to our building."

Looking ahead to their futures, Sansom says each of this year's graduates are individuals with their own unique skills, talents, and goals. As they travel their own paths going forward, she encourages them to never give up on the dreams they've chosen to pursue.

Canwood Public School's class of 2024 is: Noahlyne Amistad, Hansyn Bahnuick, Hauk Bahnuick, Caleb Bloom, Bailey Hagel, Kaiden Hallett, Robert Holmes, Tucker McDonald, Jaden Schutte, Fynnlayv Smart, and Becky Wilson.

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# Congratulations

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# Rain, cold fail to dampen Ballapalooza fun

By **JORDAN TWISS**  
Shellbrook Chronicle  
Reporter

Despite Mother Nature's best attempts to spoil the festivities, Ballapalooza 2024 hit it out of the park yet again this year, bringing an estimated 950 people to the Shellbrook Sports Grounds for a day filled with baseball, fun activities, and good food.

"Honestly, it was cold, and windy and rainy... and I didn't hear one kid complain. They had so much fun running around and playing, and made the best of a gloomy day," said Tasha Cyr of the Shellbrook Kinettes, who organize the day in tandem with Shellbrook Minor Ball.

While the event's name puts baseball front and centre, and teams came from as far away as Spiritwood, La Ronge, and Warman to compete against the local squads and each other, ball was just the beginning of what was on offer throughout the day.

Diskotek Entertainment brought out a huge assortment of inflatable slides and bouncy castles, setting a few of the smaller ones up under the shelter of the Sports Grounds' pole shed when the winds were too high. Cyr says kids were bouncing around in them all day.

Considered mainstays at Ballapalooza, which is now in its third year, Infinity Face Painting offered ways for kids to ex-

press themselves, Maddy Ouelette twisted a whole lot of balloons, Candace Wolfe brought a lot of cuteness with her petting zoo, and members of the Saskatoon Juggling Club spent the day sharing the tricks of their trade.

Other highlights included a car show, which brought out a few classics and some good old-fashioned muscle cars, mini golf, and a smash room.

To keep the 950-plus guests fed, Affinity Credit Union was popping up fresh popcorn throughout the day, and the canteen was serving up food and snacks.

As Ballapalooza continued into the evening, Deben's Lamplight Cuisine took over at the canteen, serving up pizza, wings, and more. Meanwhile, the headlining act for the kids was a performance by the Saskatoon Juggling Club.

Rounding out the day's offerings, a guaranteed 50/50, sponsored by Buck Contracting and Y Business Concepts, saw Carissa (no last name provided) from Warman/Martensville go home \$1,000 richer.

Like all small-town events, Ballapalooza is the product of a large volunteer effort. Indeed, Cyr estimates that more than



Juggler Joel from the Saskatoon Juggling Club wowed kids throughout the day and taught them the art of juggling.

200 volunteers, including members of the old Shellbrook Summer Fair/Street Fair committee, were involved in making the day happen this year, whether it be by helping with set up on Friday, working a shift on Saturday, or tackling clean up on Sunday.

"The Kinettes and Minor Ball work so well together. They help each other when needed, and they take their pieces of the day and make them happen," Cyr said.

As has been the case in previous years, any proceeds from the event will

go towards next year's Ballapalooza. Though the bad weather may have lowered attendance compared to previous events, Cyr says Ballapalooza isn't about making money, it's a service for the community.

"Events like this are

super important. It's that sense of community. We love doing things like this, where you stand and look around and can see the fun families are having," she said.

"It makes our community what it is... a great place to hang out together."



The afternoon saw the U9 Shellbrook Knights face off against La Ronge and rack up some big hits.



McKenzie Capner and Madison Graham cuddle with kittens in Candace Wolfe's petting zoo.

## Canwood Royal Purple Elks hold spring tea



The Canwood Royal Purple Elks members hosted their annual Spring Tea on Wednesday, June 5, with community members in attendance as well as residents from Whispering Pine Place. Guests were entertained by Becky Wilson and Elisha Johnson playing their violins, and songs sung by K-6 students from Canwood School. Strawberry shortcake was served along with coffee and tea. An enjoyable afternoon was had by all. *By LORRAINE BENSON, Canwood Royal Purple Elks*



Juggler Joel shows off balance and bravery during an evening performance for children.



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# Kyliuk earns \$120,000 scholarship

By **JORDAN TWISS**  
Shellbrook Chronicle  
Reporter

When Abi Kyliuk received the email, the first thing she did was reply to confirm that it hadn't been sent to her by mistake.

Her shock was understandable; it's not every day you learn you're a recipient of a \$120,000 Schulich Leader Scholarship.

But that's exactly what Kyliuk, a Grade 12 student at Shellbrook's WP Sandin High School, received in May.

Schulich Leader Scholarships are awarded to students who are pursuing an undergraduate degree in the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) field, and who exemplify academic excellence, leadership, creativity, charisma, and entrepreneurial spirit.

Each year, schools across Canada receive information about the Schulich Leader Scholarship and share this information with their students. Students then submit an application to their principal, who selects one student to nominate and forwards their application on to the Schulich Foundation.

"I was honoured to be chosen," Abi said. "There were some other worthy students, so I was very grateful to be nominated by my school and for them to give me the chance to receive the scholarship."

Abi's application for the Schulich Leader Scholarship was selected by Lou-Anne Stefankiw, WP Sandin's vice principal. Stefankiw says she chose to nominate Abi because she excels in all things STEM (an area in which she says more women are needed), and because her application painted a vivid picture of what the scholarship would mean for her future.

"It was incredibly inspiring. She definitely has so much to offer, and it is so well deserved," Stefankiw said. "I think this is the first time our school has ever received a scholarship like that, so it's a really big deal for not only our school but our community to be having such successful students with such great, big dreams."

Through her high school career, Abi's name has been routinely called out at WP San-

din's academic awards nights, making her a shoo-in for the scholarship on the academic side.

Abi has also been a proven leader in her school, having been a member of WP Sandin's Student Leadership Council since Grade 6 and participated in sports like volleyball, badminton, and softball, as well as in the broader Saskatchewan Rivers School Division.

Last year, she joined Sask. Rivers Students for Change (SRSC), an initiative that brings together students from

across the school division to provide student insight and direction to the division's board of education to promote positive change. Abi served as secretary in her first year with SRSC, and served as president this year.

Abi also embodies the entrepreneurial spirit. Having played piano since she was in Grade 7, she turned her expertise into a small business, teaching others to play.

"Since I was little, I've always been driven to do my best," Abi said of her academic and other successes through the

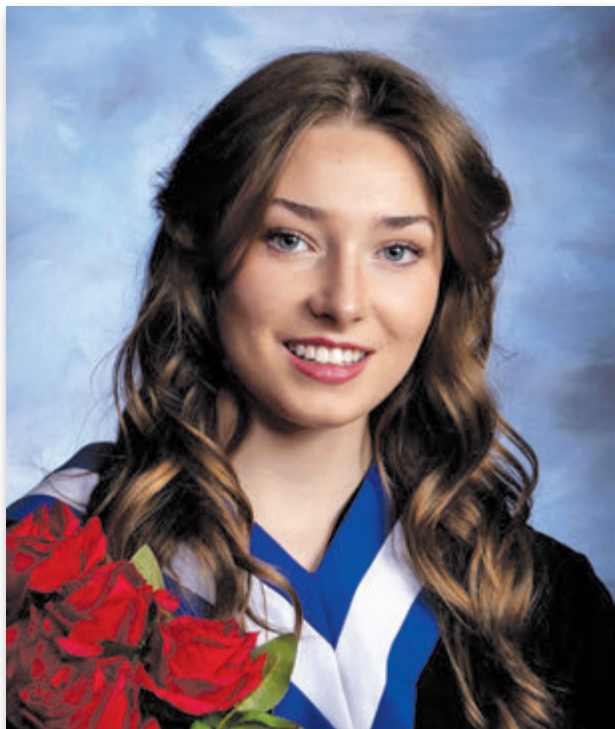
years. "I've had a good network who also supported me in achieving my best. My parents, the teachers I've had, my coaches, they've all worked to help me improve and supported me."

This fall, Abi will bring her drive to the University of Calgary, where she intends to pursue a bachelor of engineering.

While there, she hopes to take full advantage of opportunities to complete internships and co-ops abroad. And once she's figured out where her passion lies, she plans to use this experience to start her own business.

For their part, Abi's parents, Lindsay and Renee Kyliuk, couldn't be prouder or more excited for what the future holds for Abi.

"She's been blessed to have the community of people behind her that have supported her along the way," Renee said. "And she's had the smarts about her to take advantage of the blessings and opportunities that have come her way, and now she's beginning to reap the rewards."



WP Sandin High School student Abi Kyliuk has received a \$120,000 Schulich Leader Scholarship.

# Zion Lutheran celebrates confirmation class



Relatives and friends gathered together at the Zion Lutheran Church in Canwood on Sunday, June 2, to witness four confirmation students become full fledged members of the church. Those students were, from left to right, Ryder Vaughan, Dawson Danberg, Zander Bodnarchuk, and Brayzn Benson. Congratulations on completing your confirmation classes and welcome to the Zion Lutheran Church congregation. Lunch and fellowship followed after the service.

By **LORRAINE BENSON**

**NOTICE OF CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**  
**RESORT VILLAGE OF ECHO BAY**

Public notice is hereby given that Nominations of Candidates for the offices of:

**MAYOR: Resort Village of Echo Bay**  
**COUNCILLORS: Resort Village of Echo Bay two (2) elected**

Will be received by the undersigned on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2024 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Quonset located at 301 Lake Shore Drive in the Resort Village of Echo Bay.

Nominations forms may be obtained from Tara Bueckert by calling 306-427-2188 or by email to [resortechobay@gmail.com](mailto:resortechobay@gmail.com).

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

Tara Bueckert,  
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## Sask. Party greenlights oil and gas propaganda

Over and over and over, we've heard Premier Scott Moe tell us Saskatchewan's oil and gas are the cleanest, most sustainable oil and gas in the whole world.

On the one hand, it's very likely true that Saskatchewan's oil and gas is produced more ethically than that of Saudi Arabia, Russia, and Venezuela – all countries where the bar for human rights is so low a flea couldn't limbo under it.

It may also be true that Saskatchewan's environmental regulations greatly reduce the industry's emissions footprint relative to other jurisdictions.

But on the other hand, a turd is still a turd no matter how you polish it.

Likewise, oil and gas production still has an impact on the environment, no matter what regulations are put in place or what technologies are developed to mitigate emissions.

Does the world still need oil and gas and the products derived from them? Yes.

Do Saskatchewan's (generally) good human rights record and environmental regulations make it a better place to buy oil and gas from than most other jurisdictions? Also yes.

But the word sustainable cannot be credibly attached to fossil fuel production, and much of the data not coming from the Sask. Party government and oil and gas giants suggests the province's industry isn't as "sustainable" as it would like us to believe.

Last year, as the federal government was working to introduce regulations to cap methane emissions from the oil and gas sector, a study published in the journal *Environmental Research Letters* found Saskatchewan's methane emissions were being underreported by as much as 40 per cent (a finding that supported previous research).

At the same time, Environment and Climate Change Canada data from 2020 showed Saskatchewan has the highest per capita emissions in Canada, with the oil and gas sector accounting for 26 per cent of emissions.

When this data was released, the Ministry of Energy and Resources said reducing methane emissions continues to be a focus for it, noting that "greenhouse gas emissions from venting and flaring at upstream oil facilities declined by 64 per



JORDAN TWISS  
~  
News Editor

cent between 2015 and 2022."

Saskatchewan's dependence on fossil fuels impacts more than just emissions. In a report published last week, Clean Energy Canada gave Saskatchewan the lowest grade in the country (alongside Alberta) on its clean energy report card.

In its assessment of Saskatchewan's grid, Clean Energy Canada found that the province has plentiful solar and wind resources, and high-level plans to bring more online by 2035, but is still falling behind

other provinces when it comes to expanding its renewables sector.

The report also noted the province has poor overall energy planning, and docked marks for its lack of rebates to help residents switch to heat pumps or electric vehicles.

Concluding its analysis, the report said both Saskatchewan and Alberta could have "the fastest growing clean energy sectors in the country in terms of jobs, with gains in clean energy far outpacing fossil fuel losses."

Some may be quick to dismiss such a report. And to be certain, there is always the potential for bias and errors in analysis (just look at the current controversy swirling around the Parliamentary Budget Officer's (PBO) cost analysis of the federal carbon tax).

But it's not just environmental research groups ringing alarm bells

In her first 2024 report, published last week, Provincial Auditor Tara Clemett raised concerns about two areas related to the sustainability of Saskatchewan's oil and gas industry: the province's handling of oil wells, and the implementation of its industrial carbon levy program.

Saskatchewan has about 84,000 oil wells, with 54,000 of those being active. In 2023, the Ministry of Energy and Resources inspected 21,000 wells, but Ms. Clemett notes it has no plans to inspect a further 36,000 wells before 2026, despite the fact that 25 of the inspections completed in 2023 found operators not complying with regulatory requirements.

Furthermore, Ms. Clemett found the ministry is failing to assess whether operators owe it money before approving new well or facility licenses – one operator was found to owe the Ministry more than \$2 million, but was continuing to receive new license approvals.



For years, there have been calls for Saskatchewan and Alberta to manage wells better and hold industry accountable for decommissioning them responsibly.

Indeed, the PBO estimates the cost to clean up orphaned wells could climb to \$1.1 billion by 2025, and, unless more is done to regulate the oil and gas industry, the lion's share of those costs will fall on the two provinces, which are home to 91 per cent of the country's onshore oil and gas wells.

As for the province's industrial carbon levy, also known as the Output-Based Performance Standards Program, Ms. Clemett found that it is not yet working as intended.

Under the Program, which was introduced in 2019, industrial emitters exceeding annual facility-specific emissions intensity limits are required to pay a levy to the Ministry intended to fund technologies to reduce, sequester, or capture emissions.

However, as of Dec. 31, 2023, the Ministry of Environment had yet to fund any industry-driven technology, and is giving emitters up to 18 months to pay up for exceeding their emissions limits (nearly half of all emitters did in 2019 and 2020).

The auditor's findings come as no surprise, of course. The Sask. Party government has long served as an unofficial lobbyist for the province's oil and gas sector and as its most staunch defender.

Its latest fight for the industry is against federal legislation that will penalize oil and gas companies for promot-

ing their environmental records without providing substantiating evidence for their claims.

The legislation is silly and unfairly singles out the oil and gas industry, to be certain. And yet, such regulations aren't unheard of in Canada. For instance, you won't see tobacco companies, beer brands, or cannabis dispensaries singing the praises of their respective products.

Seemingly in defiance of this new legislation, the Sask. Party government announced last week that the province's Distance Learning Centre is partnering with Calgary-based Teine Energy to develop new oil and gas high school courses, aimed at teaching students about the industry's importance.

Per the terms of the agreement, Teine Energy will provide \$150,000 over two years to develop the courses and facilitate student work placements.

You read that right. Government approved oil and gas industry propaganda, crafted by a past Sask. Party donor, will soon be offered in an online classroom near you.

While providing students with avenues to gain invaluable hands-on experience is a positive move, the Sask. Party government should be allowing corporations to shape our public school curriculum – especially not when this same government won't allow third-party sex education providers to offer students comprehensive sex education.

But, then again, this is just par for the course for the Sask. Oil and Gas Party government.

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# Medstead students reflect on shopping local

By **BEVRA FEE**  
*Spiritwood Herald*  
Reporter

In an effort to increase awareness of the benefits of shopping locally in rural Saskatchewan, Medstead Hometown Grocery joined forces with Medstead Central School to sponsor an essay contest among middle school and high school students.

With the questions, 'What are the benefits of supporting local businesses' and 'How can our community ensure that local businesses thrive' to help guide the students in their essay writing, the responses were many and strong.

When Ike Epp, on behalf of Medstead Hometown Grocery, asked Medstead School's Language Arts teacher, Janett Franson, to host the contest, she was quite willing to incorporate it into the curriculum.

"Since the topics fit into our English Language Arts unit on being a global citizen, our middle years students wrote

their essays in class, with those who wished submitting their entries to the competition. While many students chose not to submit their work, it was great to have the opportunity for students to have an added purpose for writing," she said.

Indeed, lessons learned from research done for the contest are revealed in excerpts from the essays.

"When you shop at local stores, you're helping create jobs for people in your neighbourhood. It's like giving a high five to your neighbours! When local businesses thrive, they can invest back into the community by sponsoring events like raffle tickets, silent auctions and bingo – or supporting local schools by giving donations," wrote one student, adding, "Another way that local businesses help out the community is they provide jobs for teenagers who need work experience or a parent who needs a job to help provide for the family".

A summative quote

that reflects the importance of shopping local was captured in the excerpt, "Small businesses help the community and the community can help small businesses. It is a win-win situation. By writing this essay, I have realized how important communities are and how important that we keep small businesses going."

The essay submissions were judged by a panel of local community members, and the winning essay-writers were awarded gift certificates to shop locally.



Gift certificates were given to essay contest winners. Back row, left to right: Ike Epp (Medstead Hometown Grocery Store), Jamie Reid, Tessa Franson, and Bethany Ross, Front row: Tyler Hundt, Ace Bennett, Abi Loewen, Addison Pain, and Nathaniel Klassen.

## Spiritwood Lions present flags to students

By **DAVE HYNDMAN**  
*Spiritwood Lions*

Members of the Spiritwood Lions Club, representing Project Maple Leaf, presented flags and certificates to Grade 1 students at both Spiritwood elementary schools on Friday, June 7.

The two members, Lion Dave Hyndman and Lion Bryan Ferguson, talked about citizenship, the make-up of the country, and the elements of the Flag of Canada.

Each certificate read "My country is Canada. I am free to be ME regardless of my colour, or beliefs."

Project Maple Leaf has been conducted by the Spiritwood Lions for a number of years, but until this year was done under a different project name.



Hartley Clark Elementary School's Grade 1 class celebrates Canada with their flags and certificates from Spiritwood Lions Dave Hyndman and Bryan Ferguson.



Miss Fast's Grade 1 class at Rivier Elementary School with their flags and certificates from Lions Bryan Ferguson and Dave Hyndman.

## YOUR TWO CENTS

### What are we thinking?

Dear editor,

We live in a province where the two main provincial political parties do not talk about environmental stewardship in any serious manner. That is not acceptable, considering the fact that the world is shifting and the so-called stewards of Saskatchewan are not even attempting to educate the electorate responsibly.

The Sask Party is in denial and is jeopardizing both the future health of the economy and the planet, by fighting the federal government on every attempt put forward to mitigate the human caused climate crisis. I understand, to a certain degree, that their reasoning comes from a very vocal minority of their base and even more so the oil and gas industry lobby's pushing for 'increased' production of fossil fuel while non-emitting energy sources continue to be put on the back burner.

The Sask NDP, while strong on most issues that concern the elec-

torate, have shown very little, if any, interest in framing the extreme importance that addressing the climate crisis is. Failure to have such discussions, if only to prepare for a future as a government, shows both a lack of understanding and preparedness for a difficult future ahead.

As voters, no matter which political party, it is our right, nay our responsibility, to voice our opinions when we feel it necessary, to improve the lives of those in our communities. Sometimes that means tackling issues that, while unpopular to some, are very important if we are going to address the impending crisis that we have been active in creating.

By not having open and honest conversations, both publicly and privately, without the vitriolic outbursts, we are condemning ourselves to a future that may not be equitable to any of us.

Erik Hansen,  
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Public notice is hereby given that the Council of the R.M. of Canwood No. 494 intends to consider the adoption of a bylaw under *The Planning and Development Act, 2007*, to adopt a new Zoning Bylaw.

**Intent:** The proposed Zoning Bylaw will implement land use regulations and minimum standards, establish zoning districts, prescribe a permitting process, prescribe a process of appeals, and provide a provision for amendments.

**Affected Land:** The proposed Zoning Bylaw will affect all land within the incorporated area of the R.M. of Canwood No. 494.

**Reason:** The proposed Zoning Bylaw will help facilitate, direct and manage development within the R.M. of Canwood.

**Public Inspection:** Any person may inspect the proposed Zoning Bylaw at the R.M. Office between 8:30 AM and 5:00 PM Monday to Friday, excluding Statutory Holidays. Copies of the bylaw are available at cost. Additionally the bylaw and associated maps may be viewed online at the following website:

[www.rmofcanwood.ca](http://www.rmofcanwood.ca)

**Public Hearing:** Council will hold a public hearing on Monday July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 7:00 PM at the Canwood Legion Hall. The Canwood Legion Hall is located at 705 South Avenue in the Village of Canwood. Any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed Zoning Bylaw is welcome to attend or to submit comments prior to the meeting. Council will consider all comments received.

Issued at the RM of Canwood No. 494 this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

Lorna Benson  
Chief Administrative Officer

# Spiritwood newcomers complete EAL program

By **BEVRA FEE**  
*Spiritwood Herald Reporter*

Through a partnership between AccuFast (formerly Fast Genetics) and North West Regional College, the English as an Additional Language (EAL) program is extended to employees of AccuFast who wish to improve their communication in an English-speaking community. The group meet once a week from September through May at Spiritwood High School, where they are led by retired teacher Alan Laughlin.

“Their English language is good when they arrive, but we work on how to understand the nuances and the local sayings that might add to their structured language training,” offered Laughlin.

Over the past year, 10 partici-

pants completed the program and got together for a potluck windup supper at the home of AccuFast Settlement Co-ordinator, Marlene Walter.

“The program also helps with settlement issues such as legal topics, how to call for help if they have a vehicle breakdown, how to prepare a vehicle for winter, where to find items they need and how to respond to cultural events in Canada,” shares Walter. “The program has been held for our new employees for many years now, and we have had several different instructors from the community.”

Not everything can be learned in the classroom. As Laughlin outlines, “We went to a fall supper in Rabbit Lake, to a haunted forest at Price’s farm, a hockey

game, a curling game – and the students learned how to two-step before we went to the Grand Ole Opry!”

The students, from locations around the globe such as Uganda, Belarus, Mexico, Guatemala, Peru, Dominican Republic, Honduras, and Colombia shared some of their favourite activities over the duration of the program, ranking the pickle-eating demonstration (where program participants had to judge the pickles using appropriate language) and learning to two-step as top activ-

ities.

The EAL program is offered in Spiritwood through North West Regional College as “English Language Conversation Circle.” The goal is to practice and improve English skills in speaking, listening, reading, and writing.

It is free to students and is intended to meet new friends, talk about community, and learn about culture and customs while learning new English skills. It is open to all adult Permanent residents, temporary workers and new citizens.

Program Co-ordinator Brent Clarke, from the NWRC, was on hand for the windup supper, barbecuing burgers for the group.

“The federal funders of the program hope to see newcomers have a positive settlement experience, where they balance their language skills with community knowledge,” Clarke said. “The Spiritwood program has been a model example of that, with results that speak for themselves due to our great relationship with AccuFast. The participants gain confidence through the program.”

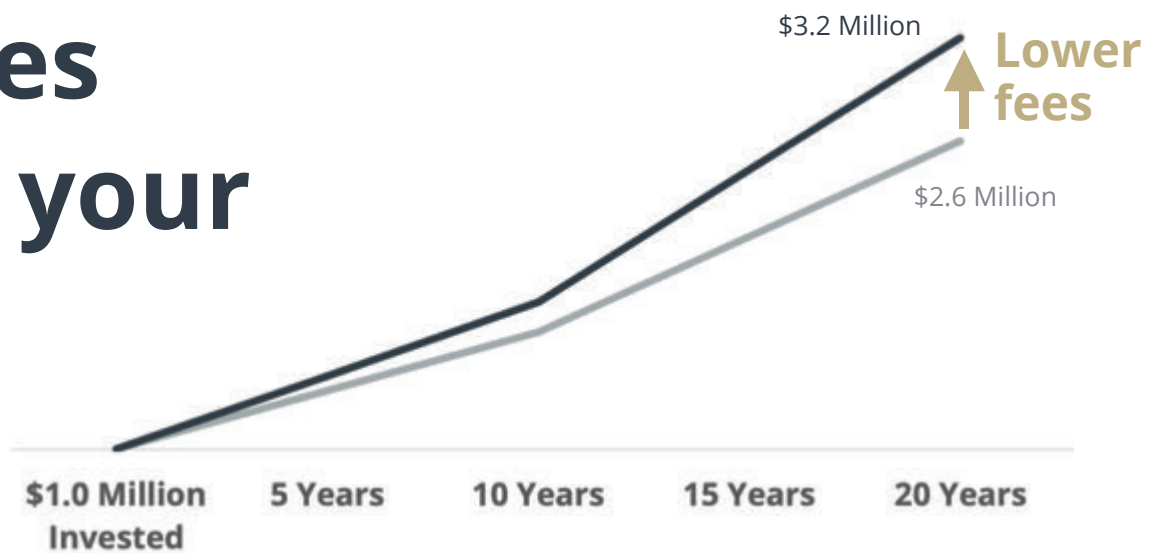


Brent Clarke (North West Regional College) and Alan Laughlin grill burgers for the EAL windup.



EAL program graduates and instructors. Back row, left to right: Edgar Mogollan, Juan Al-burez, Daniela Varela, and Alan Laughlin. Front row: Viri Castro, Marlene Walter, Lena Tsiunin, Nikolay Tsiunin, Jonathan Mukwaya Mugoya, Oscar Mancias, and Brent Clarke.

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## Serious work required to solve world hunger

Not surprisingly, discussions at the World Seed Congress in Rotterdam, Netherlands, are including talks regarding global supply chain challenges.

The Congress, which brings several hundred people together from around the world, including seed production companies, national trade associations, and researchers, is obviously a place where getting grain from one place to another is of paramount importance.

This, of course, is far from a new issue.

One of the biggest reasons people go to bed hungry in far too many countries is the inability to get food from producer to the tables of the hungry.

Part of the reason food doesn't get to those tables is breakdowns in the transportation sys-



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tem.

Those disruptions can be anything from strikes by employees, to severe weather to civil unrest, all of which can leave food sitting and sometimes spoiling.

Overlay that with the politics at play – an unsettling trend away from free trade – and the all too real prospect of warzone hotspots, and getting food distributed gets far more difficult.

The more barriers to trade created by politicians, the greater the

challenges of distribution become.

Then one must factor in wealth distribution. The world grows enough food but not everyone can afford to buy it at a price which makes the producer and those handling the food along the way a profit.

We don't have to go farther than local food banks and homeless shelters to see that wealth distribution is a worldwide issue, and one that leads to hunger for too many people.

How we as a civilization address such inequities is a huge question – one with very little hope of an answer because those with the ability to address such a thing seem generally to have no interest in doing so.

It's the same reality when looking at world population.

Ultimately, the resources of this planet are finite.

Even with scientific advancements, there are finite acres to produce food and maximum production levels to be achieved. So, at some point, how enough food can be grown if the population continues

upward becomes a massive question.

While not directly tied to distribution concerns, population is at least issue adjacent.

But again, it's not a question with any serious effort seeming to be put into finding a workable solution. And again, it's time the process was

at least seriously started because workable solutions are not likely to be quickly achieved.

So, it's good that the World Seed Congress is at least looking at some aspects of a multifaceted problem. Hopefully, they manage a few ideas that can improve things – even a little.

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**SPIRITWOOD:** Wapiti Regional Library - Tuesday 9am - 5pm; Wednesday 9am - 5pm; Friday 9am - 5pm  
**LEOVILLE:** Wapiti Regional Library - Wednesday 10am - 4pm; Thursday 10am - 4pm  
**SHELL LAKE:** Wapiti Regional Library - Tuesday 11am - 4pm; Wednesday 12pm - 5pm

**BLAINE LAKE:** Wapiti Library - Wednesday 1pm - 6pm; Thursday 1pm - 6pm; Friday 1pm - 6pm; Saturday 10am - 3pm. Contact us for more info 306-497-3130, www.wapitilibrary.ca.

**BIG RIVER:** Wapiti Library - Tuesday 11:30am - 4:30pm; Wednesday 11:30am - 4:30pm; Thursday 11:30am - 4:30pm. Phone # 306-469-2152

**CANWOOD:** Canwood Branch of Wapiti Regional Library. Tuesday 10am - 3:30pm; Thursday 2pm - 6pm; Friday 1:30pm - 5pm. Kids Club is Fridays 3:30pm - 4:30pm, Crafter's Choice is the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.

**DEBDEN:** Wapiti Library hours: Tuesday 10am - 4pm; Wednesday 1pm - 7pm. Librarian: Aline Hannon

**LEASK:** Wapiti Library & Legacy Gallery Hours - Tuesday 9am - 2pm; Wednesday 3pm - 6pm; Friday 11am - 5pm

**MARCELIN:** Wapiti Library - Thursday 2pm - 7pm; Saturday 9am - 2pm. For information on all your library needs, please contact 306-226-2110.

**SHELLBROOK:** Shellbrook Branch of the Wapiti Library located at 105 Railway Ave., West (Provincial building). Library Hours: Monday 2pm - 6pm; Tuesday 2pm - 8pm; Wednesday 2pm - 8pm; Thursday 12pm - 6pm; Friday 10 am - 5pm (Story Time 10:30am - 11:30am); Saturday 10am - 4pm.

**LEASK:** Leask Wheatland Lodge Auxiliary - Outdoor Flea Market on Main Street, Leask (by Bramshott Spirits). Friday, June 21, 2024 - 10am to 4pm; BBQ Lunch & Music - 11:30am to 1pm. Table Rental - \$15. Contact Joanne McHanson 306-466-7735. Your support helps us to enhance the lives of our residents!

**CANWOOD:** 2024 Penguin Summer Fest – Men's and Ladies' Fastpitch Tourney – June 21, 22 & 23 @ Canwood Regional Park. Beer Gardens Each Day. Saturday Cabaret – 9:30pm to 1:30am (picture ID required). Great food supplied by Canwood 4-H Club. Hosted by the Dry Creek Penguins

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## WP Sandin Grad continues parade tradition

By JORDAN TWISS  
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

For the 34 students in WP Sandin High School's Class of 2024, graduation is set to be a true community affair.

Just like the four graduating classes before it, Shellbrook's 2024 cohort will continue with the tradition of celebrating with a graduation parade – a tradition started in 2020, a year when graduation ceremonies were thrown into a state of disarray, and graduation committees were forced to think outside the box by the COVID-19 pandemic.

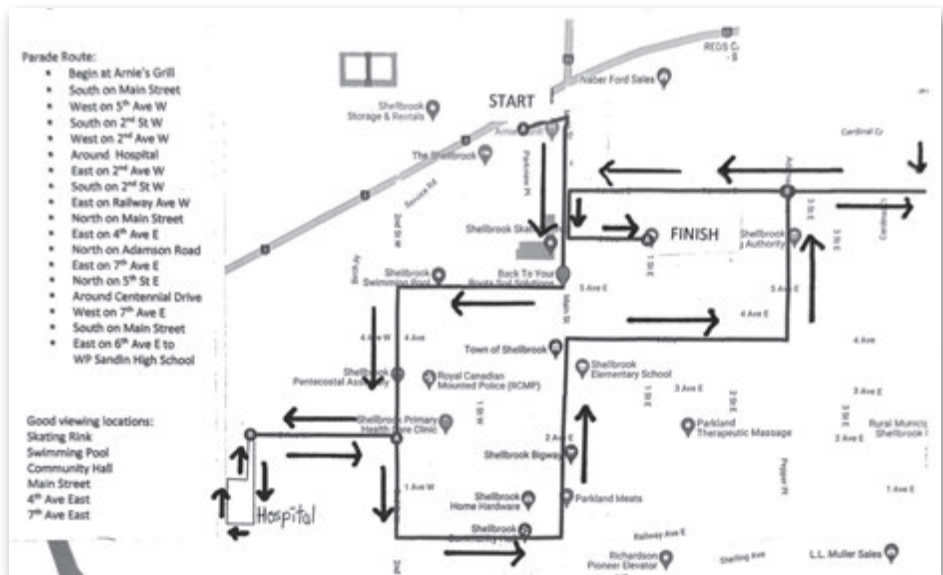
Due to ongoing teacher sanctions, this year's graduation festivities will begin with the graduation ceremony in WP Sandin's gymnasium at 1 p.m. on Friday, June 14.

The parade will follow at 4 p.m., with

the procession departing from Arnie's Grill and making its way down Main Street before turning onto 5th Avenue West to head out towards Parkland Integrated Health Centre to pay the elders in long-term care a visit.

The procession will then head back to Main Street via Railway Avenue and swing by Shellbrook Elementary School, eventually taking 4th Avenue East and Adamson Road past Homestead Place, Heritage Place, and Centennial Park (so the kids from Happy Hearts can watch). Once done there, the parade will return to WP Sandin, going along 7th Avenue East first.

Given the route, the grad committee recommends the Richardson Pioneer Recreation Centre, the Shellbrook Swimming Pool, the Community Hall, Main Street, 4th Avenue East, and 7th Avenue East as prime viewing locations for the festivities.



The route for WP Sandin High School's graduation parade.

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# LPGA stars heading in different directions

The recent U.S. women's open golf championship featured two superstars heading in opposite directions — Nelly Korda in the midst of her rise to legendary Hall-of-Fame status (even though she took a bit of a detour at the Open) and 15-time winner Lexi Thompson, 29, a child star who announced before the tournament that she plans to retire from professional golf at the end of this season.

Korda, who will be 26 this summer, has been setting the Ladies Professional Golf Association tour on fire this season, until a disastrous 10 on a par-3 during the opening round of the U.S. Open momentarily stalled her march to greatness.

Earlier this year, she won five consecutive tournaments and took top spot in six of the season's first 12 events. Naturally, she was the favourite going into the U.S. Open but the 10, when she dunked three balls into a creek on a

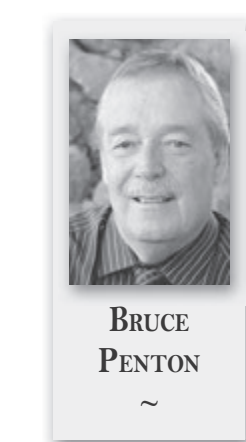
par 3, led to an 80 and a missed cut.

Still, Korda is the undisputed No. 1-ranked golfer in the world and leads the LPGA money list with more than \$3 million, \$1.5 million ahead of the runner-up, Hannah Green.

A member of an elite athletic family, Korda is the defending Olympic gold medallist in women's golf but, like Thompson, has only one major championship on her resume. Nelly's sister, Jessica, is a six-time LPGA winner; their brother Sebastian is ranked 28th in the world in men's tennis; and their parents, Petr and Regina, were both accomplished tennis pros, with Petr having one Grand Slam title to his credit.

Even Nelly's boyfriend is a professional athlete, hockey player Andreas Athanasiou of the Chicago Blackhawks.

The retirement announcement by Thompson, meanwhile, caught the golf world by sur-



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prise. She's only 29 years old, but has been in the golf spotlight since she was 12 years old, when she qualified for the U.S. Open in 2007. She was No. 1 in the world in 2019, but her skills have been eroding of late. Thompson, in fact, has gone five years without winning a tournament and has fallen to a ranking of 54th in the world.

Early retirement on the women's circuit is quite common. Lorena Ochoa retired at age 28 after sitting at No. 1 in the world for 158 straight weeks. Annika Sorenstam, generally regarded as the greatest

female golfer ever, gave up competitive golf at age 38.

Thompson's star wasn't quite that bright, but she was a major influence on the tour and because she started at such a young age, golf fans know all about her.

"I think she does an amazing job for the Tour," Korda said after hearing the news. "She spends so much time going to each pro-am party. She really dedicated her time to growing the game. It's sad to see that she's obviously leaving and not going to be out here with us anymore, but she's had an amazing career."

• RJ Currie of sportsdeke.com: "Ex-NFL receiver Rob Gronkowski and about 20 unidentified drinking buddies recently racked up a bar tab of over \$100,000. I'm guessing Gronk wasn't the only tight end."

• R.J. Anderson of CBS Sports, on the rebuilding Los Angeles Angels: "Unfortunately, they are a few years away from

being a few years away."

• Janice Hough of leftcoastsportsbabe.com: "Los Angeles Dodgers were on a five-game losing streak. But they discovered the cure-all. AKA the Mets bullpen."

• An ESPN announcer during the Canadian Open: "You know Mackenzie Hughes is a Canadian because his home course is the Dundas Valley Golf and Curling Club."

• Torben Rolfsen of Vancouver after soccer superstar Lionel Messi was a no-show when his Miami team visited Vancouver: "The Vancouver Whitecaps will set an attendance record today: Largest crowd ever at BC Place for an event not involving Lionel Messi or U2."

• Headline at TheBeaver.com: "Hipster alcoholics excited for return of softball season"

• Denver Broncos coach Sean Payton, on his quarterback room: "It's kind of the orphan group; they're all orphaned dogs. They've

come from somewhere, but they're doing good. It's a good room."

• A quote from the late NBA star Bill Walton, found on sportscurmudgeon.com (Jack Finarelli): "I had the only beard in the Western Hemisphere that made Bob Dylan's look good."

• RJ Currie again, in the groaner corner: "The top reasons people risked life and limb in Gloucestershire's 2024 cheese-rolling race: 5. None thought cheddar of it; 4. To see if they were Gouda nuff; 3. Whey not? 2. It turned into a Brie-for-all; 1. To do the best they curd."

• Steve Simmons of the Toronto Sun: "Alek Manoah is getting a second opinion on his bum elbow, which is another way of saying see you next year"

• Headline at fark.com: "Police admit to being duffers as all charges are dropped against Scottie Scheffler"

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## Lupus Spiel celebrates 10 years

By **REGAN BIRR**  
*LRF Founder*

The 10th anniversary of the Lupus Spiel, a charitable professional-amateur curling bonspiel, was held from May 31 to June 2 in Blaine, Minnesota at the Four Seasons Curling Club in Fogerty Arena.

The bonspiel was sponsored by Lupus Research Foundation (LRF), which was founded by Regan and Todd Birr.

Regan, a lupus patient, is formerly from Shellbrook. Together with her husband Todd, a world bronze medalist from Mankato, Minnesota, she founded the LRF to increase aware-

ness and to raise money to help find a cure for lupus.

Pro curlers from Canada, the USA, and around the world came to Blaine to participate in this charity curling event. Past Olympic and World Curling medal winners and champions of national and international curling events donate their time, energy, and enthusiasm to join with club curlers for a weekend of curling, fun activities, and friendship.

A feature of the annual bonspiel is the Kevin Martin Academy for Curling, which is always a huge success. Curlers from across the USA, from California to Texas to Massachusetts, plus local players, came to learn and improve technical and strategy skills from Kevin and then play in the bonspiel.

A fun Hot Stove with Olympic medal winners Kevin Martin, Brad Jacobs, Eve Muirhead, Shawn Rojeski, and Shannon Kleibrink was part of the evening program. They spoke about their Olympic experience and there was a great question and answer time with the audience while they were in their "hot seat."

The LRF helps fund the work of Dr. Timothy Niewold, who is the Vice Chair for Research in the Hospital for Special Surgery Department of Medicine in New York. He is a physician-scientist, who has pioneered research in the underlying genetic causes of lupus, rheumatoid arthritis, and other autoimmune diseases.

Dr. Niewold attended the bonspiel, where he gave an informative pre-

sentation about the progress in research and the hope that a cure for lupus is in the near future. A cure or targeted treatment for lupus would be life-changing for people who suffer from lupus and many other autoimmune diseases.

Dr. Niewold's team has discovered a grouping of genes that can predict a person's susceptibility to developing lupus. This gives the person the opportunity to take medicine to prevent catastrophic lupus. It also gives Dr. Niewold the opportunity to test more robust preventative therapies that will save lives.

The LRF directly funded this project.

The contributions from all those who attend and have attended the Lupus Spiel over the past 10 years are responsible for making a huge difference in finding a cure for lupus.

Congratulations to Regan and Todd for the past 10 years working towards finding a cure for lupus!

Regan is the daughter of Janet and Jamie Scholz and the granddaughter of Lucy Sommerfeld of Shellbrook.

For more information about the LRF, visit [www.letscurrelupus.org](http://www.letscurrelupus.org)



**Regan Birr, formerly of Shellbrook, founded the Lupus Research Foundation and the Lupus Spiel alongside her husband, Todd.**



**Attendees at the 10th annual Lupus Spiel in Blaine, Minnesota. Photos courtesy of Andrea Fierst**



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## OBITUARIES

*Bernice Antoinette Marshall*

Bernice Antoinette Marshall (Comeault)  
1928-2024

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, aunt, friend, Bernice Antoinette Marshall.

Bernice was born to Alfred and Melvina Comeault on March 3, 1928, in the Sturgeon River District. She was one of four siblings: Angela Reigert, Muriel Duffield, Benjamin Comeault, and Lucille Henders.

In 1935, Bernice trav-

elled to Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, to pursue a business course. She worked for 5 1/2 years before marrying Bruce Marshall and having six children.

Her married life took her to Yellowknife, Uranium City, Prince Albert, and eventually settling in Shellbrook to raise her children. Shellbrook has been Mom's home for 58 years.

Mom had many passions in her life, but her family was her superpower. Mom loved spending time with her family, and we all felt her love. She was also passionate about her gardening, raspberries, quilting, canning, bread making, puzzles and knitting. She inspired her family to enjoy life, to learn, to love and to hold each other close.

Bernice is survived by her loving sister, Lucille Henders and her six children: Judy (Lawrence) Philp of Shellbrook, Sas-

katchewan; Dale (Janice) Marshall of Kelowna, BC, Joan (John) Virgl of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; Janet (Bob) Mantyka of Peachland, BC; Joyce (Rick) Clark of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; Ben (Judy) Marshall of Calgary, Alberta, along with 18 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

Mom always said, "If you are going to do a job, do it right!"

Until we meet again, Mom, you have been a rock and an inspiration. We will miss you deeply. GodSpeed.

Bernice's children would like to thank the Shellbrook Home Care Service for their support.

We especially want to thank Sarah, Pam, Shawna, Courtney, Meghan and Denille! Your love and care for Mom was sincerely appreciated and will be remembered. Thank you.

"We love you mom."

*Richard Stieb*

Richard Stieb  
1934 - 2024

Richard Stieb, age 90, passed away peacefully June 6, 2024 in Prince Albert, SK with his family by his side.

Richard was born March 23, 1934 in the Brightholme district to Alphonse and Suzanna Stieb. He attended Mount Teviot School from grades one to ten, at which time he left to help his dad farm. Later, Richard found his

career at Canada Post and retired after over 34 years of service. He then enjoyed five summers at Davin Lake (Northern Sask) looking after a fishing lodge.

Richard was very active in many organizations that took him all over Saskatchewan and Canada, and made him many lifelong friends. He was President of both the PA Wildlife Federation and Sask Wildlife Federation, he was on the Board of Directors for the Canadian Wildlife Federation and Ducks Unlimited, and spent many days and hours working with Fisheries and Oceans.

He loved to hunt and fish with his wife and friends. Richard and Vi loved to travel and did most of it with a canoe and tent. Travels took them all over Canada from coast to coast. Their favourite was Northern Canada and Alaska. Richard said the best was the trips to Churchill, MB to see the polar bears and beluga whales. Also, to BC to see the whales and to fish for salmon. They also enjoyed international trips to Scotland, Germany, Rome, and many more places.

Richard is survived by: his wife, Viola,

of 68 years; his son Glen; daughter-in-law Joan; granddaughters Jana (Jeff) and Hayley (Josh); four great-grandchildren; and his best dog Ellie.

He is predeceased by: his parents Alphonse and Suzanna Stieb; step-father Adolf Kriese; sons Keith and Terry; his brother Bill (Bernice); and his sister Elenore (Bill).

Richard's wishes were to have no funeral or services. He will be laid to rest next to his sons on his happy hunting grounds.

Many thanks to the Rose Garden Hospice and Palliative Home Care for the care given.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in memory of Richard are graciously accepted to the Rose Garden Hospice, <https://www.rosegardenhospice.ca/>, or mailed to: 500 38th Street West, Prince Albert, SK, S6W 0A3.

Family and friends may leave online condolences at <https://www.arbormemorial.ca/en/grays.html>

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the care of Gray's Funeral Chapel, (306) 922-4729, Lisa Bos-Atchison, Funeral Director and Mary MacWilliams.

# Dance recital showcases students' skills

By BEVRA FEE  
*Spiritwood Herald*  
Reporter

To cap off its first year of dance in Spiritwood, Rebound Dance Company staged its 2023-2024 dance recital on Saturday, June 8.

Held at Spiritwood

High School's gymnasium, the recital included 14 numbers among the participants, offering groups and solos who performed for the large audience to show off the skills learned over the season.

Students of all ages were enrolled in Re-

bound Dance Company, taking instruction from Miss Jesse Berry.

Genres such as Hip Hop, Jazz, Ballet, Lyrical and Musical Theatre were performed, with a lively group performance of "You're the One That I Want" being a crowd favourite.



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