

## Chinook's Edge athletes excel at provincial track and field

Chinook's Edge students earned 20 total placements - as top ten finishers - at the provincial track and field event in Edmonton on June 7 and 8.

Jonah Olfert Wiens, a student from Cremona School, set a new provincial record in triple jump (at 13.53 meters), and earned two gold medals: in triple jump and in long jump. Also, Sundre High School earned 5th place as a team..

Podium (top 3) finishers from Chinook's Edge:

- Jonah Olfert Wiens - Cremona School - earned gold in triple jump and long jump
- Alyssa Mathiesen - Ecole H.J. Cody School - gold in her high jump age group
- Aspen Luzi - Sundre High School - gold medal in her high jump age group
- Haydyn Scott - Sundre High School - silver medal in pole vault
- Blair Campbell - Ecole H.J. Cody School - silver in the 100 m race, and bronze in the 200 meter race
- Colby LaRoy - Spruce View School - bronze medal in discus
- Niek Sieurink - Sundre High School - bronze medal in pole vault



Above: Jonah Olfert Wiens, a Cremona student, after setting a new provincial record and receiving gold in the triple jump event. He also won gold in long jump.

Left: Alyssa Mathiesen, an Ecole H.J. Cody School earned gold in her high jump age category

Below: Aspen Luzi from Sundre High School earned gold in her high jump age category





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Other top 10 finishers from Chinook's Edge (not including 1st, 2nd, 3rd place):

- Kepler Fitzner - Ecole Olds High School - 4th in the 800 meter race, and 5th in the 400 meter race
- Bella Packer - Sundre High School - 5th in javelin
- Doel Martyn - Sundre High School - 7th in discus
- Jett Rosch - Ecole Olds High School - 7th in discus
- Sidney Van Ginhoven - Ecole Olds High School - 7th in the 3000 meter race
- Georgia Bird - Hugh Sutherland School - 8th in the 800 meter race
- Abbey Robblee - Hugh Sutherland School - 8th in 300 meter hurdles
- Serena Cleary - Ecole H.J. Cody High School - 9th in shot put
- Sawyer Loree - Hugh Sutherland School - 9th in the 400 meter race
- Canter Klys - Hugh Sutherland School - 9th in the 3000 meter race



Niek Sieurink from Sundre High School - bronze medal in pole vault



# Chinook's Edge bus driver and trainer heading to Texas for International Bus Road-éo

Kelly Frere, a Chinook's Edge bus driver and trainer, won first place at the 41st annual Alberta Bus Road-éo on the weekend, in Nisku. There were 75 participants at the event. Frere will now represent Alberta at the International Bus Road-éo in Austin Texas on June 29 and 30.

When she found out she had won, Frere said, ***"I was so excited! I have worked really hard to improve my skills over the years and my goal is to try and do better than I did the year before. Since I won first place two years ago and was not able to attend internationals because it was canceled, I was more determined to win this year so I could represent Alberta. Making it to Internationals has always been the goal and I am so happy to have achieved it,"*** said Frere.

***"We couldn't be more proud,"*** said Corinne Varga, Transportation Director, Chinook's Edge School Division. ***"Kelly's passion is driving and training. She is one of only two in the province to train trainers with the S-endorsement. Kelly thrives on challenging herself and also won 'most professional' this year for receiving the highest marks on the written exam and in the first two obstacles. Kelly shares her encouragement with other Chinook's Edge drivers and is a true mentor."***

In the past, Frere has placed in the top 10 at the provincial level seven times. She said she has placed 7th, 5th, 4th, 2nd (two times) and first (two times).



Frere said she started driving a school bus 24 years ago so she could stay at home with her children. ***"My passion developed from there,"*** said Frere. ***"I have enjoyed all the relationships I have forged with families over the years and I believe that if you love kids, love to drive, want to become a better driver all around, and want the flexibility of being home with your children while also earning an income, then this is the best career choice."***

Of the 24 years Frere has driven a bus, the last seven have been with Chinook's Edge.



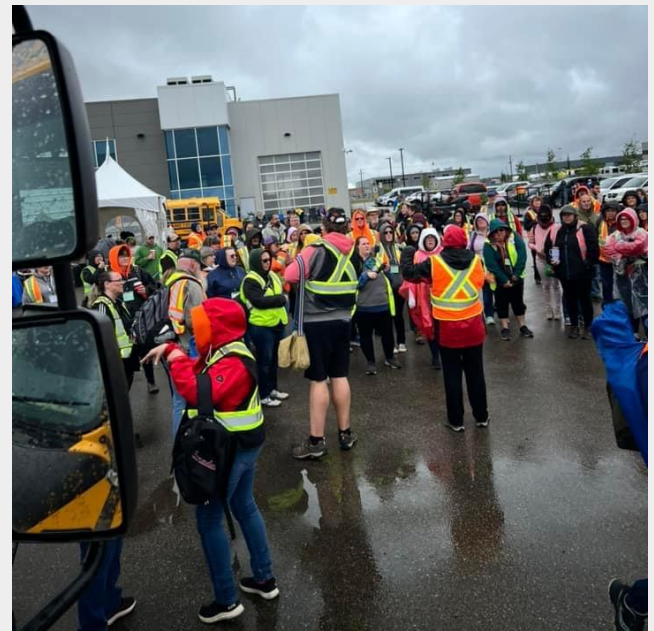


Above (L to R): Paula Spiller, Samantha Smith, Melissa Brodeur, Kelly Frere and Corinne Varga

*“I believe my success in the School Bus Road-eo comes from my passion for the industry, my desire to always improve and challenge myself, attention to detail, practice, a little bit of luck, and avoiding all errors,” said Frere.*

Frere said she feels both excited and nervous about the international event, *“but I have looked at the events for the competition and they are very similar to what we do at our local and provincial level. With the internationals being held in Texas, I will need to study up on their state laws especially for the written portion of the competition but I am up for the challenge,” she said.*

Also participating in the Alberta Bus Road-eo event were Chinook’s Edge drivers Melissa Brodeur and Samantha Smith who, according to Varga, also performed very well.



# Hugh Sutherland's School choir places first at provincial music festival...

## and is invited to Canada West Music Festival



The Hugh Sutherland School (Carstairs) choir received first place at the recent Alberta Music Festival Association's annual festival. Also, the choir has been invited to participate in the Canada West Music Festival to be held in July.

***"We were so excited to be recommended to provincials," said Michael Gouge, a teacher at Hugh Sutherland School and choir director, "and we are so honoured to be recommended to go to Canada West. We didn't think that this was even a possibility. We have such an amazing choir and they worked hard!"***

The choir qualified for provincials based on its performance at the Olds music festival earlier this spring. The Choir Sang *One Wish* by Jean and David Perry, and *Winter Wind* by Mary Donnelly and George Stride. The choir sent a recording of the same songs to the provincial festival, and will do the same for the national level event in July.

***"We wanted to take the choir to Edmonton in person, but were so surprised at being recommended that no plans to go were even in the picture. We will***

***definitely be in person next year, should the opportunity be presented again," said Gouge.***

The choir includes about 20 students ranging from Grade 6 to Grade 12. The group practices weekly. High school choir members receive credit for the course but most of the singers ***"participate for their love of music,"*** said Gouge.

Gouge is the choir's director. Allison Duane, another teacher at Hugh Sutherland School, also works with the choir. In addition, community member Wendy Durieux has helped the choir.

***"Wendy has been invaluable," said Gouge. "She has accompanied us on the piano and provided us with a wealth of information and help. Also thank you to our local community for being so willing to help us along the way."***



# Fluttering with excitement!

## Butterfly release joyful for Poplar Ridge students

Grade 3 students at Poplar Ridge School have been learning about scientific observations over the past month. After caterpillars arrived in their classroom on May 6, students have been busy watching the incredible transformation.

Here are a few photos of the joyful moment when the class released their butterflies late last week.



