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## SCOTLAND BOUND

Five dancers from the Watt School of Irish Dance are busy training for their up and coming trip to Glasgow, Scotland, where they will compete at the World Irish Dance Championships. The dancers earned their way to Scotland by competing at the Western Canadian Irish Dance Championships in Kelowna. Morgan Gee finished first in the girl's U-13, Hailey McGuire placed second in girl's U-15, Sarah Elson finished third in girl's U-17, Jennifer Potter finished third in girl's U-19 and Stevie Mazue took first in girl's U-14. Mazue made a bit of history by obtaining a perfect 900 score, which is first place from all nine judges.





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Members of the Heather McCracken School of Highland Dance entertain the crowd during Robbie Burns Night in Fort St. John Jan. 27.



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Decidedly Celtic at the North Peace Cultural Centre in Fort St. John Jan. 27-28 was a huge success. Above, the 'oldest, youngest and somewhere in between dancers' who participated in the show: Bev Forster, Kenda McDermott, and Heidi Giesbrecht.



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**Back, from left: Ciara Watt, assistant teacher, Jennifer Potter, Jo Watt, teacher, Sarah Elson, and Aisling Watt. Front, from left: Patricia Robertson, Hailey McGuire, Morgan Gee and Stevie Mazur.**

## Dancers to worlds

FORT ST. JOHN – Four dancers from the Watt School of Irish Dance are busy training for their coming journey to Glasgow, Scotland where they'll compete at the World Irish Dance Championships.

Five dancers earned their way to Scotland by qualifying at the Western Canadian Irish Dance Championships in Kelowna, which attracted more than 900 competitors from Manitoba to BC. Attending the qualifying event were: Morgan Gee, first in girls under 13; Hailey McGuire, second in girls under 15; Sarah Elson, second in girls under 17; and Jennifer Potter, third in girls under 19. Potter will not be able to make the trip to Glasgow. Stevie Mazur also took home a first place in girls under 14, obtaining a perfect score of 900 points by being first on the card of all nine judges.

Patricia Robertson was unable to compete in girls under 13 this year due to a foot injury. But she and the others will compete at the North American Irish Dance Championships in Ottawa later this year.

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# Irish Dancers off to world championships

FORT ST. JOHN — Five local dancers from the Watt School of Irish Dance are heading to Glasgow, Scotland to compete at the World Irish Dance Championships.

Dancers Morgan Gee, Hailey McGuire, Sarah Elson, Jennifer Potter, and Stevie Mazur earned their way to the international event

after competing at the Western Canadian Irish Dance Championships in Kelowna earlier this year, which attracted about 900 Irish dancers.

Mazur, who won first place in the girls under-14 category, obtained a perfect score of 900 points in the competition.

The international competition will take place at the Glasgow Concert Hall, and it is only the second time the championships are being held outside Ireland.

The dancers will also compete at the North American Irish Dance Championships later this year in Ottawa.



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## SPIRITED KICK OFF

Hannah Scissons/AHN

The Watt School of Irish Dance helped kick off the Canadian Cancer Society Relay for Life launch Wednesday evening at the Quality Inn Northern Grand. Participants have already raised \$17,500 towards a goal of \$200,000 this year. The Relay for Life takes place June 9 from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. at the high school track.



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**The Pomeroy Academy of Irish Dancers who recently returned from the Mattierin Feis in Sherwood Park. A total of 32 local dancers from both Fort St. John and Grande Prairie schools represented the Pomeroy Academy of Irish Dance.**



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**The Pomeroy Academy of Irish Dance just returned from a regional competition in Calgary. The dancers brought home a total of 64 medals and 22 trophies. Pictured here are Shona Leahy, Angie Pomeroy, Claire Seidler, Tammy Gulevich, Lexi Pomeroy, and Samara Geisbrect.**





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## DANCING TO HISTORY

Members of the Pomeroy Academy of Irish Dance just returned from a regional competition (Feis) in Calgary on the weekend.

"All of our dancers performed excellent and represented Fort St. John very well," according to the club in a release.

The club brought home many individual medals and trophies, as well as three gold medals and one bronze for the club's teams that entered. This is the first time an adult team from Fort St. John has entered a Feis and returned with two gold medals.

Pictured are Shona Leahy, Angie Pomeroy, Claire Seidler, Tammy Gulevich, Lexie Pomeroy and Samara Geisbrect.