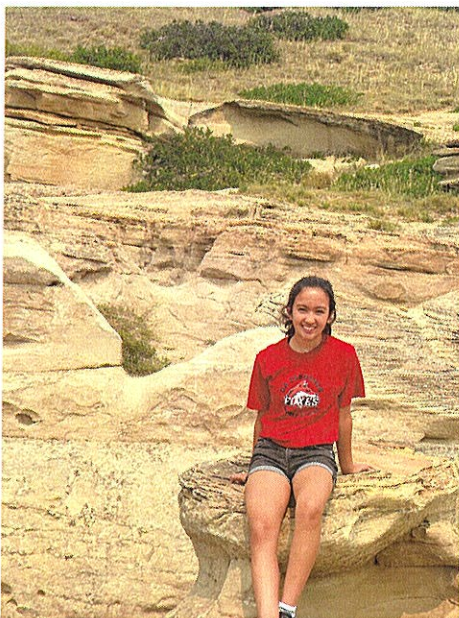
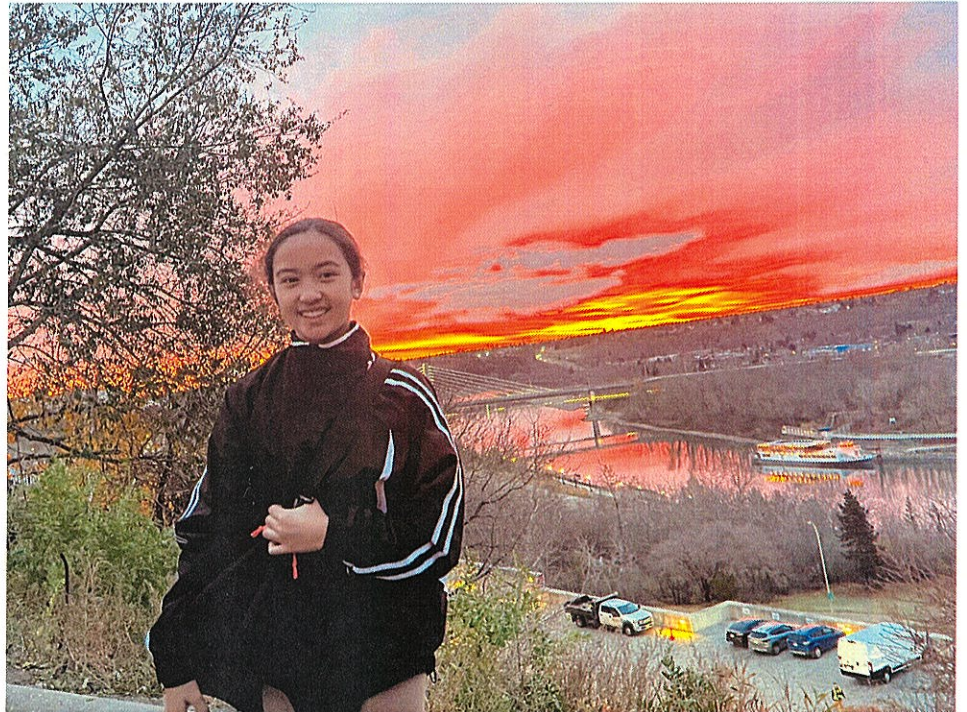
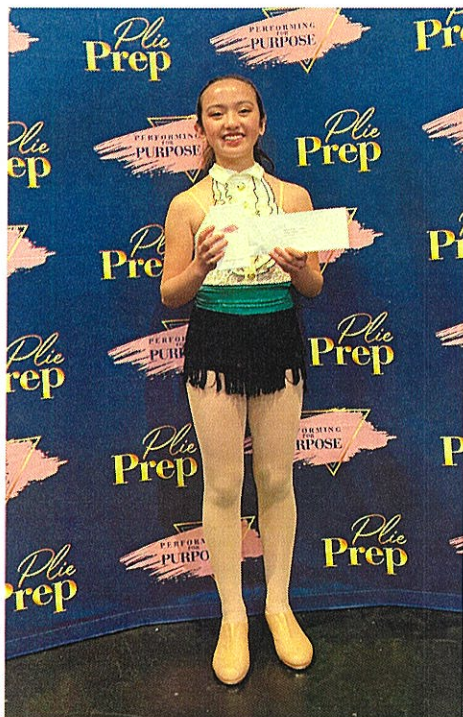


# Jasmine Downey



Jasmine Downey is a grade eight student at D.A. Ferguson Middle School in Taber. Jasmine's teacher, Michelle Sawchuk states, "A natural leader, Jasmine carries herself with self-respect and maturity. She leads through example demonstrating humility and a strong work ethic in every endeavor."

Beyond the classroom, Jasmine is an active member of her church and a devoted volunteer that is always seeking ways to give back to her community. Jasmine is also very involved with dance. Jasmin's dance instructor, Kandis Howells says, "From a young age, she demonstrated stand-out qualities. She has since, year after year, outdone herself from the last." Jasmine has been described as gracious, receptive, hard-working, humble, kind and always

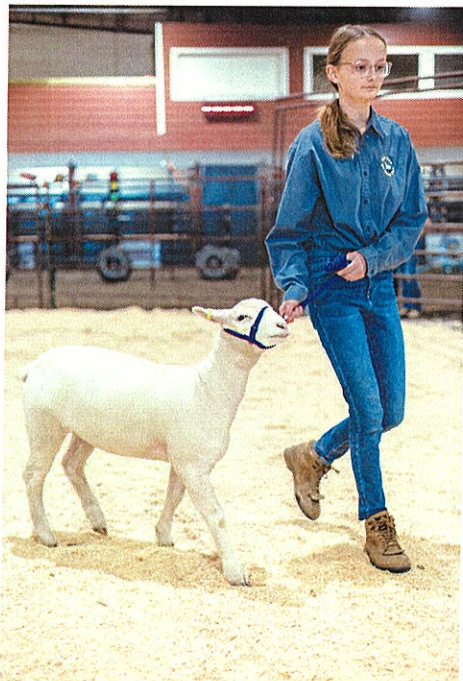
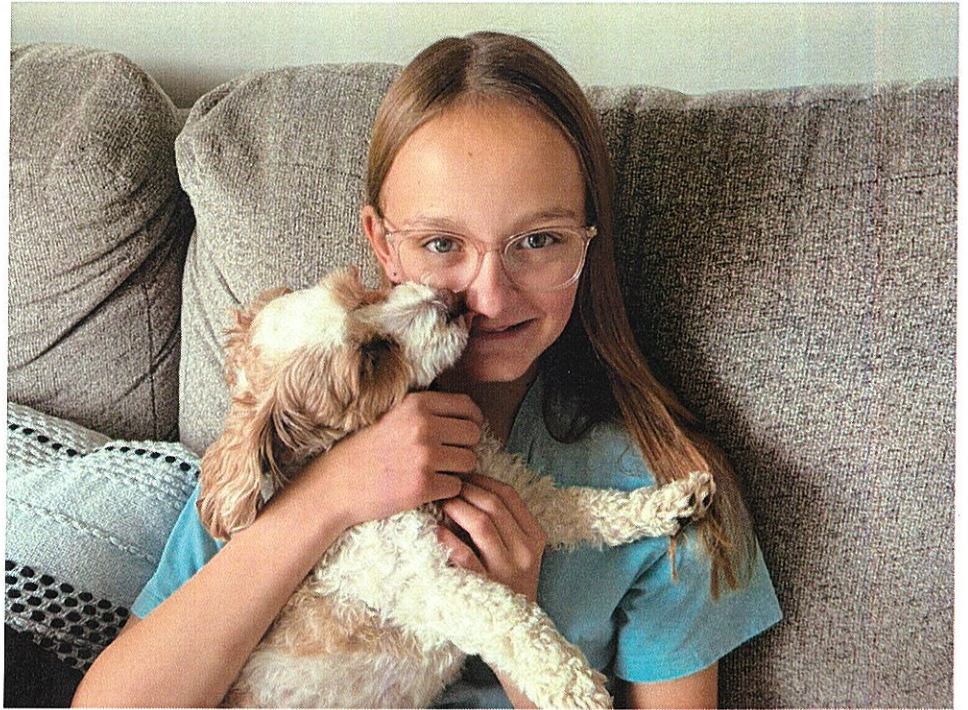
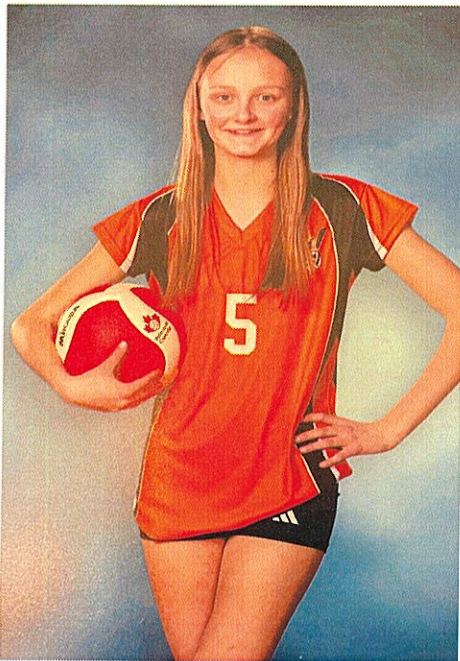
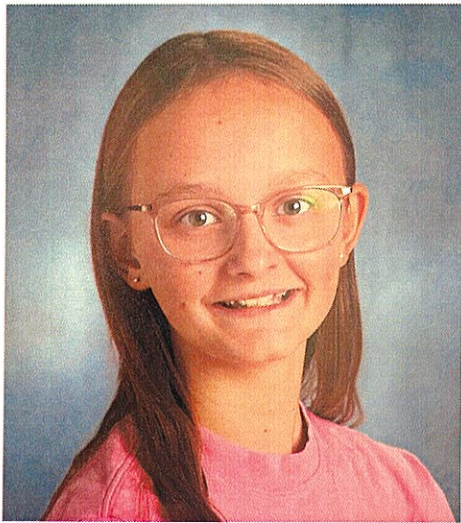
respectful.

Jasmine is an exceptional student with top-notch marks and is one who always approaches her classwork with enthusiasm. Jasmine participates in extracurricular events, performed at the talent show and has earned numerous academic and community awards. Jasmine is also an active member of the Fox Force, where she plays a key role in planning and executing school activities. She also volunteers her time in the school library.

One of Jasmine's most striking qualities is her creativity. This was evident when she won the D.A. Ferguson Orange Shirt contest. Teacher Judy Wilson says, "Jasmine consistently creates spaces where others feel heard, values and supported."

Congratulations, Jasmine!

# Ivy Hughes



Ivy Hughes is a grade seven student at D.A Ferguson Middle School. Kristen Irvine, previous Head Coach of the Taber Vipers Swim Club, describes Ivy as a silent leader. She says, “Ivy is an example of what it means to be a silent leader. Her impact is not made through being loud or being in the spotlight, but rather through the quiet consistency with which leads by example. She exudes kindness, humility, and grace.”

Ivy is an active member of 4-H. She initially joined the Taber Corn Dawgs and participated in the canine agility and obedience project with her little dog, Molly. She continued onto the New Ewe Club where she participates in the Market Lamb project. She holds the executive position of Club Secretary and always comes prepared to the meetings. The

one portion of 4-H where Ivy really shines is Public Speaking. She consistently wins at the club and district level allowing her to qualify for the South Region Communications Competition. She has shown tremendous growth in her communications skills as she has moved up into Intermediate competitions.

Ivy is able to balance her academics with her extracurricular activities. She is an important member of her school volleyball and basketball teams, her Wham Club Volleyball team, and the Taber Vipers Swim Club. Her work ethic, contagious smile and infectious laughter make her a valued member of her teams and her school community.

Congratulations, Ivy Hughes on your nomination for an APEX Youth Award.