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Theatre 75 is taking their performance of *Under The Influence* to the Edmonton International Fringe Theatre Festival for the next two weekends. The show features just four cast members. Pictured, from left, are Becca Goodwin, Laura Adamson, Nicole Challenger and Elizabeth Goddard at their final rehearsal before heading to the festival.

Photo: Zak McLachlan

Theatre 75 taking *Under The Influence* to The Fringe Theatre Festival

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The Edmonton International Fringe Theatre Festival is the largest fringe theatre festival in North America, with about 160 different shows taking part in the festival each year. And this year, Wainwright's Theatre 75 will be performing one of those shows. The local theatre group is taking their show *Under The Influence* to the Fringe Festival with five performances over two weekends. Theatre 75 was supposed to be part of the Fringe Festival a few years ago, but then the pandemic arrived and the festival was forced to cancel. Director Shelley Bohay said the group was persistent in trying to get back into the festival. "They really wanted to do the Fringe, and we were booked to

do it before Covid shut it down. I thought it would just end there, but nope. They pushed on, and here we are," Bohay said. Elizabeth Goddard, one of the four cast members for *Under The Influence*, said performing at the Fringe has been on her bucket list for a long time. "I grew up in Edmonton and the Fringe Festival was a really big deal. And being in the theatre world, I always had friends who would perform in the festival and I'd go watch them. I always thought it would be cool to do one day," she said. "When I asked how we could get in to the festival it was just a matter of applications and such, so we thought we could do that. We have the talent in Wainwright, and we have the people. So I thought we should do this so I could check it off my bucket list, and now we're all checking it off our bucket list."

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DOWNTOWN SECTOR

Chelsey McBride

Owner of Wainwright Flower Cart



I have been the owner of the Flower Cart since April 2016, which has been a part of downtown Wainwright for over 30 years. We work with fresh florals, tropical plants and unique giftware. We strive to provide a relaxed shopping experience for everyone that walks through our doors. We love taking our customers visions and bringing them to life - whether it's your dream wedding bouquet, a planter for a friend, or something special for your home. My husband Kyle and I have been married for 16 years and have two beautiful daughters, Mya and Kiana. I have enjoyed being part of the downtown community and look forward to many more years!

HIGHWAY SECTOR

Kathy Keeley

Dealer Principal of Wainalta Motors



I have been the Dealer Principal at Wainalta Motors for 11 years. We are a community-minded, family-oriented and customer-driven dealership, which in turn has given us our slogan of "Local Business Helping Local Businesses." Peter Favreau is my significant other and best friend. We have been together for 14+ years. I have two brothers and one sister who all reside in Sherwood Park along with my mom. I have three children - two boys and one girl - and two grandbabies (so far). I love to read, travel and go camping in the summers.

PROFESSIONAL SECTOR

Don Isaman

Owner of Isaman Chopek LLP



I have been the owner since 1994. We appreciate the loyalty of our clients and staff and celebrate the determination and perseverance of the people, businesses and communities we serve. I have curled and played ball since a very young age. I chaired the committee that hosted several successful Alberta Provincial Curling Championships in Wainwright, and served as President of the Alberta Curling Federation. My wife Marie and I love to travel. Our favourite place is Fairmont, B.C. We have four kids who have each added a spouse and have given us 10 grandkids.

LIGHT INDUSTRIAL SECTOR

Dan Webb

Manager of Webb's Machinery



I have been the manager of Webb's Machinery Ltd. since we opened our doors here in Wainwright on March 16, 2020. We are a family owned and operated business since 1933. My great grandfather George C. Webb Sr. started the business in Vermilion, and after four generations of growth we now have six locations. I am from a large family with six siblings, two of whom work in the Webb group of companies. Outside of work, I spend time with family and friends, often playing sports. I play hockey, curl and snowboard in the winter and ball, golf and wake surf in the summer.