

## Hamiota Students Acknowledged for Environmental Ideas

The Caring for Our Watersheds Environmental Contest accepts proposals on different ideas about caring for and protecting local watersheds. A total of 120 proposals were submitted.

Two Hamiota Collegiate groups consisting of Grade 10 students were selected among the 12 best proposals and were invited to present their ideas to a panel of judges at the Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre on Saturday, April 20.

Shailyn Madsen, Jacquelyn Hawkins and Jenny Harrison proposed a program for reducing the number of plastic bags used in local stores and creating a plastic bag recycling program with Safeway in Brandon. After presenting the idea to the judges they were awarded 6<sup>th</sup> place, which included a cash prize of \$500.

Brooke Tolton, Kaylee Daniel and Lane Routledge designed a livestock watering system attempting to reduce the amount of livestock waste in the animal's water source. The judges awarded this group 4<sup>th</sup> place and a cash prize of \$700.

Hamiota Collegiate will receive matching amounts of \$500 and \$700 for a total of \$1200.

For further information visit <http://www.caringforourwatersheds.com/manitoba/manitoba.jsp>

