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## Bryce, Bower impress at Entrepreneur Boot Camp

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Two Brandon-based entrepreneurs' pitches came out on top during the Capturing Opportunities rural business and community conference last week in Brandon.

The Entrepreneur Boot Camp was a new addition to Capturing Opportunities this year, providing 26 of Manitoba's newest entrepreneurs with an opportunity to pitch their ideas during the two-day event.

Robert Bryce of Brandon collected \$2,000 for his first place finish, while Nate Bower of ITV Brandon placed third and collected \$1,000.

Bryce's business concept, Heartland Software Solutions, is a custom-development company with a range of products including non-destructive testing instrumentation and software.

Wally Szymczyna of Winnipeg received second place for his presentation on ePro, an emergency planned-response, web-based solution that focuses on sharing information with police and fire personnel en route to an emergency. And Bower's local online media concept -- ITV Brandon -- rounded out the top three winners.

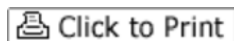
The competitors a full day in a workshop refining their business ideas with business professionals. They pitched their ideas to potential investors, customers and lenders the following day. Other proposals included genetic livestock breeding, development of an ATV campground as well as the development of energy bars and photography.

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