Jacquie Becker  Nominated by Miriam Egle
Jacquie is best described by her peers as a Woman with vision and drive. Because of her strong desire to better not only the well-being of individuals and organizations, but the community as a whole, Jacquie developed the Municipal Management Essentials Program for the Southeast College with the collaboration of the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities and Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities. This is a unique program delivering essential management training and strives to take municipal employees to the next level. She took a simple request and with vision and determination, turned it into a program that is delivered provincially. It is quite an accomplishment for a Regional College to be successful in developing a Provincial program, and this initiative earned Jacquie the Southeast College’s President’s Award for Excellence in Innovation.

Jacquie has proven over the years that vision, goals, commitment and dedication in the form of many long hours of work, have helped her be the successful, and respected woman that she is. Putting her own endeavors aside, she is also eager to help other women reach their career goals and be their own successes. Her honest and straightforward advice is given without the expectation of anything in return, and she is always available to mentor anyone who asks. Jacquie understands that being a woman in business can be tricky at times, and has worked very hard to overcome any stigmas that may still exist.

A noteworthy step on Jacquie’s career path has been her time as Fundraiser Coordinator for the Radville & District Heath Center Foundation Inc. Working with the Radville Marian Health Centre Board of Directors as well as the Foundation’s Fundraising Committee she helped raise $6 Million for the new Health Center in Radville by organizing profitable dinner and auction nights, running 4 successful hospital lotteries and managing staff and volunteers.

Jacquie is currently a Director with Nerium International – a high-end anti-ageing product line and moved up to that role after only a year with the company. She is described as being a positive influence, and has taken on her team building and coaching role with true passion and fun.

Jacquie’s newest endeavor is with the United Way and the organizing of a Multi-Cultural Day in the Park for Canada’s 150th Anniversary. Being an immigrant herself she is open-minded, culturally sensitive and strives to be inclusive of everyone. She hopes to make this event a culturally rich event that reflects the face of our society and has been reaching out to various ethnic organizations to ensure this happens.
A worthy candidate for the Credit Union Award for Excellence in the Workplace, Jacquie is a role model both professionally and socially and is a shining example of a woman that is helping to shape our successful female leaders of the future.

Jacqui Spence Nominated by Jennifer Cugnet
Jacqui knew from a young age that her passion was to work with children and dreamed of someday being a teacher. Specializing in Elementary Education at the University of Regina, she received her Bachelor of Education Degree and became a substitute teacher back in her home town of Weyburn. From there, Jacqui first started working with younger children at the Soo Line Daycare, has furthered her education by completing the Early Childhood Education program through SIAST and has been at the Weyburn Cooperative Playschool for the past 7 years.

Jacqui is a key component of the playschool where she is responsible not only to the parents who trust her with the care of their children, but a board of directors made up of parent volunteers that changes on a yearly basis. Jacque has a firm understanding of the complexities of running an independent playschool operation and is challenged yet able to work within the budgetary constraints. She is always looking and applying for grants and funding for the playschool to help the board and continually exceeds their expectations.

For many families, playschool is the first time parents are putting their trust in another adult to care for their child. But soon after meeting Jacqui, parents are reassured that they are in good hands. She makes sure to explain the program structure and goals, and how she forms a unique relationship with each child depending on their individual needs and personalities. Parents are always informed of their children’s progress, as well as the playschool's monthly schedule and activities, and she is always available to answer questions from current and prospective playschool parents.

Each year Jacqui organizes Christmas concerts and year end concerts for each of the 3 classes where parents get to see their little ones perform, as well as several field trips through-out the year to local businesses. She also researches, applies for, and attends early childhood education workshops and seminars, sharing ideas and problem solving strategies with other educators to keep her stay at the forefront of Early Childhood Education.

Jacqui’s most noteworthy characteristics are her ability to be understanding and more importantly, patient. Each week she is responsible for the task of helping 60, 3 and 4 year olds learn though the play-based model that the Weyburn Cooperative Playschool is centered on. From the moment the children walk in the door Jacqui is there to welcome them in, even when some are a bit reluctant, and provides a positive environment. Jacqui sees it as her job to prepare those children for kindergarten as best she can and her daily goal is to meet the individual needs of each child. Believing the social interaction skills and lessons learned at the playschool are the foundation for future success in the school system, she strives to meet the physical, emotional,
intellectual and social needs of all her students though self-directed activities including art, dress-up, music, stories, and theme-centered activities.

One could say that Jacqui’s success and excellence in the workplace is measured by the hundreds of children who’s faces light up when they see Mrs. Spence at the grocery store, park or walking with the Playschool in the annual parade. A worthy nominee for the Weyburn Credit Union Workplace Excellence Award.

M. ISABELLE BUTTERS QUOTA INTERNATIONAL OF WEYBURN COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Tracey Rothwell Nominated by Weyburn Synchro Stars Board

Tracey became involved with Weyburn Synchro Stars when her daughter joined in 1998. To help out, she began to learn about synchro and how to coach along with another mom who was involved. Together they worked their way through the levels and skills alongside their daughters and Tracey continued to coach and learn. She took a Coaching course and eventually obtained her Star Examiner course which enabled her to test swimmers.

Her contributions expanded – in 2006, she became a member of the Grassroots Committee- which supports rural clubs, sat on the Technical/Coaching Committee; this committee is responsible for developing, reviewing and revising the Rule Book on the sport within the province among other duties, and has been a valuable resource for many rural clubs. Currently the Head Coach, Tracey's experience and knowledge has served as a cornerstone to the Club. As well, she willingly shares her knowledge with new co-coaches.

As a result of her time, education and participation the Club has participated in Saskatchewan Summer Games and many swimmers under the training of Tracey have won numerous awards for their routines. In addition to teaching students the skills and art involved in Synchronized swimming, her students have also commented on the impact Tracey has had on their lives personally—stating “she has taught me to be a better young woman”, ‘she is not only a coach to me, but a role model for myself, my team and all of the younger athletes in the club”, “she has taught me there is nothing I cannot do”.

Tracey has been recognized on numerous occasions in the synchronized swimming community- in 2013, she was the recipient of the Provincial Stream Coach of the Year with Synchro Sask, and in 2014 she received the 8-10 Year Volunteer Award with Synchro Sask.

Over the years, Tracey has spent many long days and weekends on the pool deck and has spent countless hours assisting the club in some form. Even though her youngest child retired from Synchro in 2011 she continues to dedicate 3 nights a week at the pool and assisting with competitions. Periodically, she still gets in the water to assist
younger swimmers. Employed full time as a Registered Nurse in the Emergency Room and Operating Room, on many occasions Tracey has been known to finish a shift at the hospital and head over to the pool to volunteer her time and talents.

She is a tireless advocate for synchro in our community and province. The Weyburn Synchro Stars feel very fortunate to have such a dedicated person involved on the team. Tracey’s efforts, time and talent make her a deserving nominee for the M. Isabelle Butters Quota International Community Service Award.

**Krista Sandney**

Nominated by Shannon Seitz

Famous surfer Bethany Hamilton once answered the question “*What are girls made of?*” *Courage, sacrifice, determination, commitment, toughness, heart, talent, guts. That’s what little girls are made of; the heck with sugar and spice.*” This statement is a fitting statement of the passion and determination that Krista Sandney has instilled in the roller derby community.

Krista was born and raised in Weyburn. Following graduation she attended the University of Alberta and received a Bachelor of Science in Petroleum Engineering. She has been employed at Aldon Oils Ltd since 2007 in the position of Engineer/Business Development.

Krista has been active throughout the years, enjoying many different sports as well as spending time outdoors hunting and fishing with her family. In 2010, Krista attended an information night on Roller Derby in Midale; wearing her business clothes, she jumped right in and strapped on skates for the first time in her life. She fell hard and injured her tailbone, suffered for months, but she was hooked!

Previous to Weyburn having its own roller derby team, Krista was a member of the South Sask Roller Derby Association playing on the Estevan team. As the Association was looking to expand, soon the Weyburn team was formed. Shortly after expanding to Weyburn, the coaches from the Association decided Weyburn needed to focus and develop their own team. Krista took on the challenge- learning everything there was to know about Roller Derby in the areas of coaching and training. She has spent countless hours finding venues, equipment, securing insurance, planning training camps, workouts, team recruitment and much more. She has served as President and Vice President on the Association Board. She is currently the Head Coach and Trainer for the Team.

Krista goes by the derby name “Venus N D'Skyes”. Her own skills have developed and strengthened over the years - earning her many accolades, some being: numerous MVP awards, a nomination for best coach or trainer, and she has been invited to skate with other teams. In February 2017, Krista was invited to play on the provincial Team Sask- she has accepted the invitation- quite an honour.

Krista is the first to arrive at practice and the last to leave. She makes each member of the team feel welcome and included; she applauds every success, and empowers each
individual to be all that they can be. She demonstrates a great deal of patience as team players are developing their skills, and sets the bar high for the team and higher for herself. Her enthusiasm is inspiring and her work ethic and drive has created a domino effect within the Club. It was through her efforts the Weyburn Roller Derby Association became a Non-Profit organization and is successful in Weyburn – the Club frequently volunteer their time at community events, and proceeds from games and fundraising events are donated to local charities.

Krista is a coach, a friend, a role model and natural leader- truly a worthy nominee for the M. Isabelle Butters Quota International Community Service Award.

ACCESS COMMUNICATIONS EXCEPTIONAL ENTREPRENEUR AWARD

Susan Fleck  Nominated by Sheryl Ehman and Shari Obst
Born and raised in the area, growing up Susan always knew she wanted to be involved in the medical field and had a desire to be able to help people dealing with injury. After receiving her degree in 2007 she worked at Weyburn Physiotherapy and Conditioning as the senior treating Physiotherapist. She was promoted to Clinic Coordinator of the Worker's Compensation program where she spent 2 years treating clients with workplace injuries and in 2015 was promoted to Clinic Manager overseeing the day to day operations of the clinic including staff management, program coordination and the training and mentoring of two foreign trained Physiotherapists. Realizing that her caseload consisted mostly of people who were not residents of her own community, Susan decided to resign and open her own clinic where she felt she could use her specialized training to better serve the people of Weyburn.

In October 2016 she officially opened Centered Physiotherapy and Yoga - the only locally owned and operated private physiotherapy clinic in Weyburn. Her clinic provides treatment to those living with vestibular dysfunction (dizziness and vertigo), orthopaedic injuries and disabilities, neurological pain and dysfunction including conditions such as Multiple Sclerosis, post-stroke, sciatica, etc.

While attending a Treating Chronic Pain with Yoga course, Susan was inspired by her colleagues and instructors who were using this more holistic approach and made the decision to become a Certified Yoga teacher. She is now certified and has integrated yoga into her practice to provide a more holistic approach to patient treatment.

Susan is passionate about her work and the atmosphere is customer friendly. She offers a variety of early morning, evening and noon hour yoga classes to accommodate as many people as possible. She is approachable and easy to talk to; each class is different and she draws on her physiotherapy knowledge to plan each class. Her classes not only build body strength, but the calming meditation portion teaches people how to deal with the stress in their lives. She is very responsive to individual needs and ensures that participants of all physical levels can participate and feel success.
Susan is a deserving nominee for the Access Communications Entrepreneur Award. She has taken risks, faced challenges and devoted many hours to achieve her goal. Her vision and passion demonstrate the qualities required of an entrepreneur.
Harmony Melnychuk  Nominated by Kaylah Zahara

Born and raised in a small community in Manitoba where she learned a strong work ethic and to work hard for what you want, Harmony moved to Weyburn in 2012 and began working at Boston Pizza. Because of her friendly disposition and excellent client relations she soon rose to the position of Customer Service Trainer. She became a Certified Nail Technician in 2014 and has provided this service both at Studio 7 and out of her home. Harmony has also worked for the Weyburn Review, offering advertising services to local businesses.

Harmony has struggled with and overcome severe anxiety and depression and is passionate about, and a strong advocate of, promoting mental health awareness. This has led her to establish her business - **Beautiforever Permanent Makeup** - a service that provides permanent make-up and microblading. This service promotes a positive self-image to women who have struggled through mental health, physical limitations, and other physical health related issues. As this service was not previously available in our community, Harmony has provided an option for clients to stay close to home and not have to experience additional costs to travel elsewhere.

Having saved for the required tuition and equipment by working three jobs, Harmony received her Certification in permanent make-up in Toronto and has completed Work Place Safety Training in Blood Borne Pathogens to ensure her clients experience a clean, safe and sterile environment. She continues to educate herself on best practices and share her knowledge within the community and is always available to answer any questions about her business, the products she uses, and procedures offered.

Permanent make-up and microblading has shown to help women who struggle with tremors leaving them unable to apply their make-up feel confident; it has helped women who experience hair loss due to medical treatment or other diseases feel beautiful, and women feel confident in their appearance and improved their ability to work through mental health struggles.

The reviews she has received on her business validates her professional and caring nature. Customer comments include: "Harmony is one of the most kind, compassionate, professional women I have met. She has an amazing work ethic, is meticulous in her procedures and makes her clients feel as comfortable as possible. Humble and strong, Harmony has a drive to better herself and her community and continues to show strength against adversity."

Harmony is proud to be a business owner in a community that has become home, and an excellent example and contender for the Access Communications Entrepreneur Award of Excellence.
Christy Sanderson  Nominated by Yvonne Jones and Ann Scott

Christy truly found her calling with the purchase of Old Fashion Foods in July of 2015. An advocate of healthy lifestyles, her passion for marketing and interaction with people, together with her past experience as a General Manager of Canadian Tire, and Finance Officer for Knight Dodge made this a perfect fit for Christy.

The business originally shared space with the Welsh Kitchen, but catering to the needs and requests of her customers and Christy's vision of making Old Fashion Foods more customer friendly required more space.

She purchased her new location, and after completing major renovations now occupies half the building, while renting the other half to another business. Not only is the new location bright, modern and much more spacious, it is more accessible for its customers as well.

Christy has expanded her stock and is constantly going the extra mile to find suppliers that can cater to the needs and requests of the community. She strives to select items of high quality with an emphasis on Canadian and where possible, local products. The relationship and knowledge Christy has brought to not only her staff, but her customers has given a great appreciation to those who want to care for their health and lifestyles. She has demonstrated a sincere desire to help other local entrepreneurs by bringing their products and services into the store, thereby helping them to grow their businesses as well.

A quote from one of her suppliers, "It's been a pleasure dealing with her and I can see how driven she is and how committed to Weyburn and the needs of the consumers to have a top notch health food store."

The "Best Boss, Ever!", Christy demonstrates a kind, no-nonsense, hard-working and loyal work ethic to her staff and customers. She is fun, friendly and extremely approachable and encourages her staff to share any ideas they have for the store.

Mature beyond her years, Christy has taken a franchise store to a first class establishment that caters to the education and needs of its customers. She is valuable to the local business community as it is young entrepreneurs that will lead the way and set examples for other young women to follow her lead in the future. Christy is a deserving nominee for the Access Communications Entrepreneur Award.
Megan Nimegeers Nominated by Kim Klassen

Megan Nimegeers was born and raised in Weyburn. Soon after graduating from Grade 12 she began her career at the Weyburn Credit Union as a Wealth Management receptionist. Since that time she has filled various roles and taken numerous educational courses. The listing on her biography of completed courses since she began is astounding! Her thirst for knowledge, passion for people, and drive to succeed has her currently working as a Consumer Lending Specialist. Megan is goal-oriented, not only for immediate tasks, but also for the future. Over the past five years, she has increasingly taken on leadership roles, creating a strategy, and implementing that plan with the people she is involved with.

Megan has also taken on an active role with internal volunteer committees with Weyburn Credit Union's community support initiatives. Some of these initiatives include volunteering for the Heart & Stroke Foundation's Big Bike, Salvation Army Adopt-a-Family, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Chamber of Commerce Parade Chair, and the Credit Union Social Committee. She often goes above and beyond her responsibilities in everything she does.

Prior to graduation, Megan has always been involved in community activities and volunteerism, but her passion, dedication, and influence to cheerleading is truly notable. A cheer athlete since Junior High, Megan returned to the sport after graduation to assist the coach of the WCS team for two years before taking over as Head Coach for the Weyburn Junior High team. She spends at least three nights a week dedicated to coaching in addition to many additional hours devoted to training, organizing classes, travelling and transporting students. She encourages her athletes to work hard and she leads by example. Megan is always positive and supportive, has a "never give up" attitude and has inspired many young women to follow their dreams.

Megan co-founded the Weyburn Association of Cheer Coaches to assist coaches with training and sponsor athletes, and was instrumental in organizing and bringing the 2017 Provincial Cheer Competition to Weyburn on March 25. She is a supportive partner in the growth of Cheer in Weyburn; the program has grown from one competitive team to six teams with 56 athletes in many ways as a result of her involvement. She is also a certified judge with the Saskatchewan Cheerleading Association.

In addition to these many activities, Megan is also employed on a part-time basis as a server at Brothers Pub & Grill.

Megan’s dedication to her athletes, fellow coaches, her friends, her employers and her family is exceptional. She exudes positivity and a determination in everything she does and is a shining example and worthy of the Hoffman, Michel & Professional Associates Young Woman of the Year Award.
Nichol Thomson  Nominated by Jacquie VanDeWoestyne

Dr. Nichol Thomson is chiropractor and partner in the Riverside Chiropractic Clinic here in Weyburn. She was born in Weyburn in 1989 and graduated from the Weyburn Comprehensive High School in 2007. After graduation, she attended the University of Saskatchewan pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree. After three years at the U of S she applied to the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College in Toronto Ontario and was accepted. In 2014, she graduated with a Doctorate of Chiropractic and returned to Weyburn where she began practicing as an Associate Chiropractor with Dr. Jeanine Beaulieu. In March 2015, she purchased the practice from Dr. Beaulieu with her partner Erin Ogrady, and they opened Riverside Chiropractic. Dr. Nichol, this remarkable young woman, has accomplished all of this by the age of 28!

In her practice, clients report that she is very knowledgeable, dedicated, involves them in their care and is very mindful of their needs. Her partner has remarked on her amazing organizational and efficiency skills in running their business.

Even since Nichol was a young child she has loved sports and has striven to excel at whatever she does. All through high school, university and even now as an adult Nichol has participated in many sports, mainly hockey and soccer both as a competitor and a coach. Her athleticism and positive personality has placed her in many positions of leadership.

Nichol always understood the importance of education and she managed to balance her school work with her sports. Her high academic achievement, shown by being accepted into Chiropractic College after only three years at university and receiving the LRW Hamilton Memorial Scholarship from the CMCC, all are indicators of her ability to achieve an optimal academic/athletic balance.

Upon returning to Weyburn and building her professional career, she has found time to remain active in hockey and soccer and become involved in the Weyburn Soccer Association. She has done a lot of coaching, mentoring, refereeing and now has taken on the position of Technical Director for Weyburn Soccer Association. Nichol was the assistant coach of the WCS high school girls’ soccer this last fall. Gaining her Soccer for Life Coaching Certificate in 2016 also makes Nichol one of the few certified women coaches for soccer in Weyburn. She is a terrific role model for other young women in our community.

Dr. Thomson’s professional, entrepreneurial and community involvement accomplishments make her an excellent candidate for the Hoffman, Michel & Associates Private Wealth Management Young Woman of Distinction Award. She will continue to inspire us for years to come.