

Up Front

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Cloudy Periods High: 21 C Low: 9 C	Sunny High: 24 C Low: 12 C	Isolated Showers High: 26 C Low: 13 C	Cloudy Periods High: 24 C Low: 15 C	Cloudy Periods High: 25 C Low: 12 C	Cloudy Periods High: 23 C Low: 12 C

Regional student makes her way with WISEST program

By JANICE HUSER
Journal Staff

Most high school students may not choose to spend six weeks of their summer vacation on a university campus, but one local student has opted to do just that, and she is thrilled with the experience so far.

A total of 60 high school students were chosen to take part in the Women in Scholarship, Engineering, Science and Technology (WISEST) Summer Research Program at the University of Alberta, and St. Paul Regional High School student Gauri Chaggar is among that elite group.

"My experience in WISEST has been fantastic so far," says Chaggar from her lab in Edmonton, where she had already spent over three weeks with the program. She explains that she is taking part in the computing science lab, working on creating a glove that senses inactivity in people.

The glove is a project that was assigned to her, but she's become rather enthusiastic about it. The glove uses arduino LillyPad sensors and changes colours, along with giving off sounds and vibrations, to notify wearers that they have been inactive for a certain period of time.

The glove is an example of a new direction that technology is taking, says Chaggar. Last week, she was working on a prototype of the glove, but in the end,



Submitted photo

Gauri Chaggar, a St. Paul Regional High School student, is spending six weeks at the University of Alberta this summer, taking part in the WISEST program.

she hopes to have a finished version of the glove.

"There are a lot of possibilities for this," she adds.

According to information received from the University of Alberta, the WISEST program "brings science to the community and encourages young people of both genders to explore less traditional careers in engineering, science and technology."

Chaggar arrived at the university on July 6 and will take part in the program until Aug. 17.

"The students spend six weeks working as members of research teams gaining

hands-on experience that will enable them to explore their interests and assist them in choosing careers," says the university press release.

And spending six weeks on the U of A campus will be helpful since Chaggar plans on attending the university after completing her high school education. This September, she will be entering into her Grade 12 year at St. Paul Regional

High School but already plans on pursuing a post-secondary education leading into the medical field.

Chaggar says she is thankful to all the staff at Regional who have supported her and encouraged her to take part in the WISEST program. This includes the school's principal, the school division counselor, and a handful of math and science teachers.

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AT A GLANCE ...

July 27

St. Paul Moves – activities for kids
10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Spring Creek park
2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Lagasse Park

July 28

St. Paul Moves – activities for kids
10 a.m. to 12 p.m. RCMP Park
2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Crescent Park

July 29

St. Paul Moves – activities for kids
10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Glen Avon Park
2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Portage College Park

July 30

St. Paul Moves – activities for kids
10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Kinsmen Park
2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Lambert Park

July 31 to August 1

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August 7

Ashmont Heritage Days
Pancake breakfast 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
Parade 11:30 a.m.
Kids games, Farmers' Market, Bench Show 1 p.m.
Horseshoes and hoselaying 2 p.m.
Ashmont Ag Grounds

August 8

Ashmont Heritage Days ball tournament
9 a.m.
Ashmont Ag Grounds

August 14

Glendon Derby and Mud Bog
Pancake breakfast 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. RCMP Hall
Parade 10 a.m. Main Street
Derby 1 p.m. two miles north of Glendon

August 20 to 22

Vilna Boomtown Days
Parade, bench show, kids carnival, moto-x demonstrations, antique car show and more
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PRIZE A MONTHS SUBJECT TO CHANGE IF WON

Fraudsters seek out personal details over phone

BY JANANI WHITFIELD
Journal Staff

A business owner is alerting other businesses to the possibility of getting scammed after he received a strange phone call recently.

Réal Joly was at work at the Red Bird Clothing Company at the Co-op Mall, when a man phoned him, claiming to be with the Tennessee-based terminal company Elavon and asking for information from Red

Bird's last banking statement.

"I said, 'Listen, I just don't give out information over the phone,'" said Joly, adding the man persisted until Joly again refused to share any such private details.

"He ended up hanging up on me," said Joly, adding after that, he told other business owners about the incident to give them some notice that similar fraud-

sters could target them. Four or five days later, he got a fax from Elavon about potential frauds.

The local RCMP detachment reported not having heard anything about this particular scam yet. However, Joly has received a fax from Elavon which indicates that fraudsters are at work and targeting businesses within the car dealership and auto repair industries, as well as merchants carrying high-end-clothing, jewelry, and leather goods. The fax describes a different type of fraudulent activity at work.

"The scam normally involves the customer providing an authorization code for the charge in question. The customer may ask you to speak to their bank on a pre-dialed cell phone or to call a specific number to be provided with an authorization code," according to the fax, which goes on to state, "You should only accept an authorization code verbally from Elavon's voice authorization department." Businesses should not use authorization codes provided by the cardholder and should not use telephone numbers given by the cardholders to receive a ver-



Janani Whitfield photo

Red Bird Clothing Company's owner Réal Joly was warning people about giving out personal or sensitive information over the phone, after he heard about a scam targeting certain businesses and merchants.

bal authorization, according to Elavon.

While Joly notes that not everyone making phone

calls representing a business is misrepresenting themselves, his advice is still to be cautious when giving out

personal details if receiving such calls. "Just don't do business over the phone," is his own opinion.

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Regional student makes wise choice with WISEST program

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"I really want to thank them for all that they've done," says Chaggar, who adds that she believes strongly in the program because it emphasizes and

promotes the direction of students pursuing less traditional careers for their respective genders.

The hands-on laboratory research experience is also very valuable. Chaggar

feels that the program encourages students to improve upon teamwork and problem solving skills.

While at the U of A, Chaggar is working under the guidance of Dr. Walter Bischof, Michelle Annett, and Fraser Anderson. After just three weeks, Chaggar says she had already met many "like-minded" people, along with expanding her network of contacts.

To gauge the success of the program, the U of A surveys past participants of the WISEST program and according to survey results, 85 per cent of the former participants "have pursued, or are currently pursuing, studies in sciences, medicine or engineering."



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