

Young entrepreneurs participate in camp

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What is entrepreneurship?

This is a question many adults may not know the answer to, and most kids wouldn't even dream about replying to.

Entrepreneurship is defined as: "The assumption of risk and responsibility in designing and implementing a business strategy or starting a business." In other words, coming up with a great idea, and using it to start your own business.

Cheylin fourth through eighth graders got a first-hand look at this concept last Tuesday and Wednesday at the second entrepreneurship day camp hosted by the Bird City Century II Development Foundation.

The two-day camp featured several local entrepreneurs and many entrepreneurial activities. Tuesday, the kids heard from Sydney Busse about Ogallala Commons and her internship with them. They also watched a slide show of some community improvements that have been made in the last 5 years. After looking at the developments that have already been made, the kids were asked what other things they would like to see done in Bird City.

While they were thinking, all of the participants took a walking tour around town to help generate ideas. Over lunch, the kids discussed their many ideas for businesses that could be started and improvements that could be made.

The day ended with an interview with Robert Brubaker about the creation of the Century II Foundation.

The next day, the group began the morning by visiting with local entrepreneur, Nick Ketzner, owner of High Noon Feeds. He told the kids how he started his successful business, and stressed the value of hard work.

After that, the winners of the Cheylin and regional entrepreneurship fairs came to tell more about their experience with both fairs. Craig and Stephanie Busse gave their presentation on Busse's Bountiful Harvest Flour Company, and Joshua Keltz talked about his business that he plans to start: Josh's Pheasant Farm.

The highlight of the camp was the lemonade stand competition held later that morning, and into the afternoon.

The kids were divided up into two teams, and given a few pointers about setting up a lemonade stand. Each team was given \$25 start-up cash and equipment to run their stand. They had to purchase their supplies (lemons, cups, etc.) from the grocery store, and set up their stand at a location of their choice.

It was a good learning experience for both teams, as they had to think about many aspects of running a business that they might otherwise have overlooked.

The camp ended with a tour of Monty's Smoked Jerky and a discussion about being an entrepreneur in a small town with owner, Wade Carmichael.



ABOVE, GREGOR BURR, Ivan Kemp, and Elsa Burr were busy strategizing how to win the lemonade stand competition at the entrepreneurship day camp last Wednesday. Below, the other team--Alex Hazuka, Michael Barnett, and Reece Leonard--was anticipating how many lemons they would need to make good lemonade. On the bottom left, Joshua Keltz, regional entrepreneurship fair champion, gave a presentation on his pheasant farm idea, and answered the kids' questions.



Fireworks stands open for business

"And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air..." There's nothing that says Fourth of July quite like fireworks. With Independence Day on Sunday, several fireworks stands have popped up in Bird City and McDonald. If you're in need of a roman candle, "screamin' demon," or just some sparklers, plan to visit one of these stands:

McDonald

Bearsley Beavers 4-H Club

Wednesday: 4-10p.m.

Thursday-Saturday:

10a.m. -10p.m.

Sunday: 1:30-8p.m.

Bird City

The Ketzner family

5p.m.-close

June 29-July 4

Located at 416 N. Bird Ave

Jacob/ Grant/ Connor

June 29-July 3: 5-10p.m.

July 4: 2-10 p.m.

Located next to Bird City Diner

Fire Works Safety

With the Fourth of July around the corner, an increase in injuries from bonfires and fireworks is expected. In 2006 an estimated 9,200 people were treated in emergency rooms for fireworks related injuries, 36 percent of whom were under 15 years old.

The Safety and Health Council advises that the best way to safely enjoy this Fourth of July is to

follow the following safety tips:

- Never allow children to handle fireworks.
- Older children should use fireworks only under close supervision.
- Light fireworks outdoors in a clear area away from onlookers, houses and flammable materials.
- Light one device at a time; maintain a safe distance after lighting.
- Do not allow any running or horseplay while fireworks are being used.
- Never ignite devices in a container.
- Do not try re-lighting or handling malfunctioning fireworks, dousing and soaking them with water and discard them safely.
- Keep a bucket of water nearby to fully extinguish fireworks that don't go off in case of a fire.

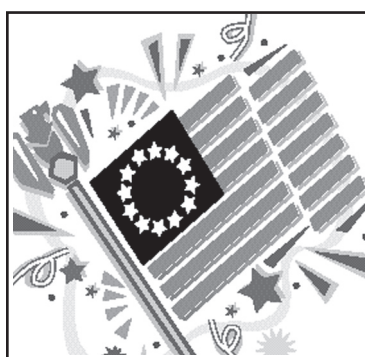
The hands, head, or eyes are involved in nearly 83 percent of all injuries. One third of all eye injuries result in permanent blindness.

Injuries are most commonly associated with firecrackers 21 percent, sparklers 20 percent and roman candles 14 percent. Sparklers reach temperatures greater than 1200 degrees Fahrenheit and can cause serious burns by igniting clothing.

Have a safe and healthy Fourth of July Holiday



NEW PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER and High School Boys' Basketball Coach, Anthony Blair, entertains students at a reception in his honor last Thursday evening in the McDonald School Cafeteria. A dinner of chicken, macaroni salad, and watermelon was served. About 50 students and parents turned out to meet Mr. Blair, and welcome him to Cheylin.



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