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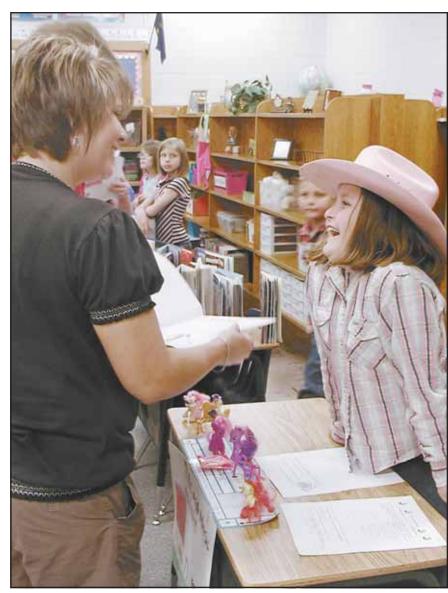
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Second-graders displayed their business offerings to classmates, parents and teachers last Wednesday in Colby Grade School's Business Showcase. Brayden Imhoff (left) was professional in white shirt and tie as he showed his building design business to Superintendent Terrel Harrison. Wesley (center) was hopeful as he talked to some parents about his book-selling business. Morgan Durham (right) wore her pink cowboy hat and lots of enthusiasm to talk about her plans for horse training. Gabriella Griffin (below left) took a serious approach to telling middle school teacher Alana Tubbs about her sewing business

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## Kids College to explore crime scene techniques

through eighth grade from June 17 to 21.

Participants will learn about biology, explore the world of chem-Investigator for a week. In addition, students will learn how to use software programs to create projects and web pages. They will develop leadership skills through hands-on activities, and learn to express themselves through art and music.

voungsters to have fun while learning new skills and participating in unique activities," said Dean of Academic Affairs Joyce of the week-long Kids College. Washburn. "Activities will be Art instructor Rebel Jay will teach taught by CCC instructors and students to draw caricature porthere are several exciting events traits and to combine different porplanned during the week." Biology instructor Heidi Bulfer Randy Berls will lead students as and agronomy instructor Iryna McDonald will be demonstrating how life on Earth is fun. They'll cover the mystery of animal and plant life. Jeff Stephens, chemistry inchemistry with nifty experiments such as fire bubbles, silver glass, gold pennies, combining Mentos and Coke and making slime.

Colby Community College is chael Thompson, with assistance offering Kids College for young- from Bulfer and Stephens, will sters who have just finished fifth lead the crime scene investigation activities. Participants will learn how to collect evidence of a crime with fingerprinting, ink samples, cloth analysis, ABO blood typing, istry, and become a Crime Scene hair analysis, body/blood trajectory and shoe prints. Students will collect the data and stage a mock trial on Friday.

Crystal Pounds and Brad Bennett, business instructors, will utilize Microsoft and Power Point to create projects and Adobe Photoshop and Dream Weaver to cre-"Kids College is designed for ate web pages. Participants will develop leadership skills through hands-on activities.

The arts will also be a large part



Criminal justice instructor Mi- Enrollment is limited.

trait ideas. Vocal music instructor they express themselves through singing. He will teach students to perform with good choral posture and singing techniques while having fun and performing.

Registration deadline for Kids structor, will explore the world of College is Monday, June 3. The total cost, including noon meals, is \$100.

For information or to register, contact Penny Cline at 460-5404.

## Should we let wunderkinds drop out of high school early?

## By Beth J. Harpaz

Associated Press

NEW YORK – It's one thing to say tech geniuses don't need degrees. After all, Bill Gates, Steve Jobs and Mark Zuckerberg all dropped out of college.

But now we've got David Karp, who doesn't even have a high school diploma. Karp, 26, founded Tumblr, the online blogging forum, and sold it to Yahoo for \$1.1 billion.

Which raises the question: When is it OK for a wunderkind to drop out of school?

Some folks in Silicon Valley and elsewhere say a conventional education can't possibly give kids with outsize talents what they need. Others, like Vivek Wadhwa, a fellow at Stanford Law School who teaches and advises startup companies, say dropping out to pursue a dream is like "buying a lottery ticket – that's how good your odds are here. More likely than not, you will become unemployed. For every success, there order to create." are 100,000 failures.'

But what about kids who are so good at computer programming that schools can't teach them what they need to know? "That's what internships are for; that's what extracurricular activities are for," says Wadhwa, who has founded

two companies.

Karp, in an interview with the Associated Press Monday, said he hopes teenagers don't look at his success as an excuse for leaving school. "That is not a path that I would haphazardly recommend to kids out there," he said. "I was in a very unique position of knowing exactly what I wanted to do at a time when computer science education certainly wasn't that good in high school in New York City."

QUITTING Karp's mother gave him the option of home-schooling when he was 14, after he completed his freshman year at the Bronx High School of Science, an elite New York City public school. Karp took Japanese classes and had a math tutor while in an internship S at an animation production company, but by age 16, he was working for a website and on his way to BUSIN becoming a tech entrepreneur. He never did get his diploma. Karp's mother told the AP she let him leave school because she realized "he needed the time in the day in 6 QUITTIN

That resonates with Penny Mills of Hudson, Mass., who let her son Thomas Sohmers, 17, drop out of 11th grade this year. "I could see how much of the work he was doing at school wasn't relevant to what he wanted to learn," she said.

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