

Local

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“It’s going to be a great opportunity a chance to educate these folks, give them something to fall back on once released. If they have a business plan in hand at least they have a direction,” Nelson explained. “It’s exciting to work with them. Our first meeting is set for the 19th with an orientation and after that go forward.”

“We give them handouts, kind of an informational guide of what they might want to do, ideas, experiences they have had and we help them fill in the blanks. Those worksheets they receive and fill out will be implemented into their business plan.”

Nelson added, “Our main goal is have them be able to fill out and have a business plan when they are released so they do have a written document that they can actually go show people and say ‘This is what I want to do.’ We will be implementing the growth wheel chart because I feel it is the simplest way for them to express their knowledge and what they want to do.”

The growth wheel chart is a visual toolbox that aids with decision making and action planning for busi-

nesses both starting up and with future growth.

Nelson and Stackle were recently certified with Growth Wheel, which started in Denmark.

Nelson understands the prison program will require a different client approach but will utilize the same tools. Some adjustments will need to be made of models used within the confines of what the Powder River Correction Facility will want.

“Our interface with them, Powder River, has certain rules we have to obey and obviously there are reasons why that is,” Stackle added.

“One thing that is interesting about the prison is last fall we had to take a volunteers orientation. You just don’t walk in there,”

he said.

Stackle laughed. “We had to take a test, then be fingerprinted and have background checks done. Now we are considered volunteers for the prison. You get fancy ID cards and when we go in, we have to present our credentials.”

Since confidentiality is such a priority with the SBDC and Powder River Correctional Facility, only basic information was made available about this program.

The next Pub Talk is scheduled for June 10 at Lefty’s Taphouse on Broadway beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Jason Glaspey part of the OEN and an icon on the west side of state and on the internet, who also does quite a bit of blogging, is

going to be doing a presentation titled “Small ideas. Big Impacts.”

Stephanie Hartman, the director of OEN will come with Glaspey and do a presentation on OEN.

For more information regarding this event contact Gene Stackle by email at gene.stackle@msn.com, or by phone at 541-523-5556 or contact Jeff Nelson at 541-403-2003.

Stackle believes it is important for the community to realize the SBDC is available.

“We have this huge task to get this info out to the community so they know what we are talking about. It is a really great opportunity for us to grow our local businesses,” Stackle said solemnly.

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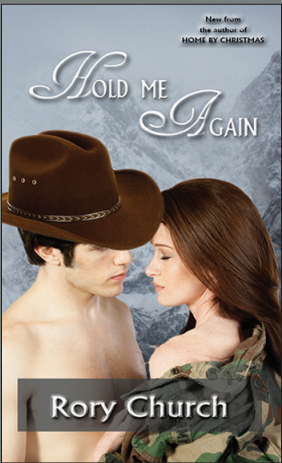
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