

Femrite may be finalist in national competition

MANKATO — A Mankato entrepreneur is likely one of the five finalists in a national competition for \$100,000.

But April Femrite will have to wait until sometime next week to get the final word.

She was one of 20 semifinalists in an American Idolstyle contest for entrepreneurs sponsored by Forbes.com. The public voted online during September and the top five vote- getters move to the finals.

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Femrite was ranked No. 1 in voting during much of the past week.

"I was still at the top at 11 p.m. (Wednesday), but then someone else shot up to one and I was second.

" He came out of nowhere, he wasn't ever in the top five, so I'm not sure what happened."

She started Naturally Bamboo two years ago.

The mission of Femrite's company - www.naturallybambooclothing.com - is to produce clothing that is made from sweatshop-free manufacturers and to employ business practices that have the lowest impact on the environment. Naturally Bamboo clothing is manufactured by sewing facilities that abide by fair labor standards.

- Tim Krohn

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