

Lemonade Day competitions begin Saturday

Taking a stand

MANKATO — As part of Lemonade Day on June 5 — a free, community-wide event dedicated to teaching children how to start, own and operate their own business — community members are invited to place their votes for the Best Lemonade Stand from 9-10:30 a.m. Saturday at Home Depot.

Community members are also encouraged to stop by the Mankato Hy-Vee locations to decide the best lemonade recipe. The Best Tasting Lemonade Contest begins at the downtown Hy-Vee location from noon-1 p.m. and continues from 1-2 p.m. at Hilltop Hy-Vee.

The competition is part of Lemonade Day, an initiative sponsored by Greater Mankato Growth and the Greater Mankato Regional Economic Development Alliance, as well as Verizon Wireless and a handful of community partners.

During the competition, participants learn how to set goals, find an investor, select a site, advertise, build a stand, purchase supplies, make a product, do basic accounting and open a bank account. After paying back investors, children are encouraged to save a little, spend a little and give a little by donating a portion of profits to a local charity.

Backpacks with guides and resources for operating a lemonade stand are still available and youth can still participate in having a stand on June 5.

Visit lemonadeday.org for additional information.