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Students learn new financial skills before tackling the real world

Rush Springs junior and senior class students are enlightened about “real life” financial problems and solutions from First National Bank Trainer Jo Perryman on Jan. 18.

More than 40 students learned about basic banking skills like how to fill out a check and use a ledger to more complex information on how to build credit on a credit card and maintain a high credit score.

“I always tell the students at the very beginning I will have two life changing slides,” Perryman said. “One shows the power of saving consistently and starting early; the other shows the danger of paying a very small payment on credit card debt – what that really costs them and for how long. They must learn to plan and control their finances.”

Along with Perryman, FNBT Loan Officer Kim Duke, IT Systems Administrator Matt Kennell and Digital Marketing Specialist Katey Chambers engaged in conversation with the students about different topics discussed in Perryman’s presentation.

In the last year, First National Bank employees visited six different schools in the Southwest Oklahoma Region. The bank employees plan to continue in sharing financial knowledge with high school students because they believe their information is critical for preparation to become legal adults.



“Too many people struggle from paycheck to paycheck,” FNBT Trainer Jo Perryman said. “I am hoping if the students start young on learning to manage their money, they will not have financial difficulties in their future.”