

# Fenwick: New inventions being created all the time

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SANDPOINT — People stop inventing things because they assume there is nothing else to invent, said the inventor of the modern birthing system.

"That's not true at all," said Dr. Loel Fenwick, who spoke recently to children attending Camp Invention at the Bird Aviation Museum and Invention Center.

The camp is the brainchild of the National Inventors Hall of Fame located in Akron, Ohio.

"Don't ever think that everything's been invented," Fenwick said.

Inventors like Fenwick change the world, Dr. Pam Bird told the children gathered around them in the museum's main display area. "He made a difference in the world," Bird said. "Each of you can change the world."

Inventors are just ordinary guys and many of them live in the country,

Fenwick said.

"Anybody can be an inventor," he said. Inventors can be people with other jobs like farmers, loggers and physicians like himself.

Every time you do something, you should contemplate inventing something, he said.

Inventors are people who figure out how make things easier — in fact, people are born to be inventors, he said.

As a father of four, he noticed that

right away with his own children.

Fenwick said his children invented places to put food in their own bodies, new ways to use Legos and came up with different ways to move as babies.

He invented the modern birthing bed which can be adjusted to meet the needs of mother and child, along with a hospital room crib that includes instruments to check a newborn's

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vital signs and administer oxygen, along with developing birthing rooms to give new moms and families during the birthing process.

Of all the ideas people have, they come up with things to make someone's life easier or create something that can change the world, Fenwick said. "Invention is just an idea that has been tested," he said.

Dr. Forrest Bird was on hand at the camp, along with inventor Bob Parker.

Early in the camp, Parker talked to students about his

inventions, which include everything from the mood ring to the digital thermometer and battery charger tester.

His most recent invention is a strip the size of an adult's finger tip that can test the temperature of meat to determine if is frozen or not, said Bird. It also has medical applications and can be used to determine the temperature of blood for medical use, she said.

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