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Moore is elementary science champion

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Jason Moore, a sixth grader at School 11, won both first place in his grade and the overall elementary division championship of the Central Indiana Regional Science and Engineering Fair.

The competition Thursday at the University of Indianapolis opened the three-day fair sponsored by U. of I. and The News.

Jason, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Moore, 2326 N. Webster Ave., studied how methane is produced.

The champion said he came up with the idea after seeing the movie, "Mad Max Beyond Thunderdrome." In that story, following a nuclear holocaust, methane was the only fuel available.

Shawn Graft, Westfield Middle, took first place in fifth-grade judging with an entry titled, "Mars, Greens and Mice."

The son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Graft of Carmel said he attempted to show that "air-breathing animals can survive for an extended period of time in space on oxygen produced by algae."

Michael Marks, Sycamore School, said that during a visit to Machu Picchu in Peru, he was told the Incas deserted that mountainous area because of a lack of water. He disagreed with the theory and then set out to show how the Incas could have moved water from the Urubamba River to their homes.

His theory won first place in fourth-grade competition. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Marks.

Ben Haley, a sixth grader at Heritage Christian, was awarded the overall elementary division championship by the D.J. Angus-Scientech Educational Foundation. Scientech Club of Indianapolis members judge projects by different criteria from the regional judging to expand the recognition given the young scientists.

The Science Fair continued today with seventh and eighth graders entered in the junior division. The public may view their work at no charge from 5 to 7 p.m. before awards are presented at 7.

Ninth through 12th grade entrants will be judged Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon, and their exhibits can be viewed from noon to 3 p.m. when awards ceremonies begin.

Two senior overall champions who have the best projects in biological and physical sciences will win trips to Knoxville, Tenn., in May to enter the International Science and Engineering Fair. The winners' sponsoring teachers also will be awarded trips to the event.

The senior champs and two runners-up along with champions of today's junior division will compete in April in the third Hoosier Science Fair, sponsored by the Science Education Foundation of Indiana. The foundation also helps support expense-paid trips for 24 regional winners and their sponsoring teachers to the Knoxville fair.

Michael Marks Shawn Graft

A complete list of Central Indiana elementary winners follows:

FOURTH GRADE

Michael Marks, Sycamore, first.

Alicia Pease, Triton, Fairland, second.

Stacie Denzio and Kristen Morgan, Brookview, third.

Honorable Mention

Micah Bhatti, Forest Dale, Carmel.

Paul Hammerle, Union, Zionsville.

Lori Livingston, St. Joseph, Shelbyville.

David Kail, Pleasant View, Zionsville.

FIFTH GRADE

Shawn Graft, Westfield Middle, first.

Walt Cooper, Forest Dale, Carmel, second.

Andrea Long, West Grove, Greenwood, third.

Honorable Mention

Brook Maurer, College Wood, Carmel.

Eric Meury, College Wood, Carmel.

Amy Morris, Mohawk Trails, Carmel.

David Schaible, Van Buren, Palinfield.

Emily Wheeler, Loper, Shelbyville.

SIXTH GRADE

Jason Moore, School 11, first.

Katherine Ellis, Park Tudor, second.

Krisha Saiyers, St. John Lutheran, third.

Honorable Mention

Kerin Bowen, Harris, Brownsburg.

Angela Gilbert, Brookview.

Andrew Mallon, Westlane Middle.

D.J. ANGUS-SCIENTECH EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION AWARDS

Fourth Grade Boys

Michael Marks, Sycamore, first.

Dan Hanasono, Forest Dale, Carmel, second.

Josh Shartzer, Harris Elementary, Brownsburg, third.

Honorable Mention

David Burns, Hinkle Creek, Noblesville.

Michael Stern, Eagle Creek.

Joshua Wheatley, Acton.

Jay Allen, St. Mark.

Fourth Grade Girls

Shubi Rasdah, Pike Central, first.

Tammy Dock, Hebrew Academy, second.

Gypsie Wilkison, Brandywine, Greenwood, third.

Honorable Mention

Kris McNeely-Shaw, White Lick, Brownsburg.

Susan Hodgin, School 84.

Cara Scott, Southwest, Greenwood.

Fifth Grade Boys

Joshua Dowell, Forest Dale, Carmel, first.

Stephen Gossett, Sycamore, second.

Daniel Dufford, Hinkle Creek, third.

Honorable Mention

Mark Norris, Heritage Christian.

Joel Wills, Eagle Creek.

Matt Patterson, Clinton Young.

Tanveer Shah, Orchard Park.

Shawn Graft, Westfield Middle.

Jim Kissling, Eastbrook.

Fifth Grade Girls

Amy Morris, Mohawk Trails, Carmel, first.

Jennifer Ralston, Heather Hills, second.

Kate McDaniel, Coulston, Shelbyville, third.

Honorable Mention

Sara Rathman, St. Luke.

Missy Patterson, Mary Bryan.

Whitney Shelley, Spring Mill.

Rachel, Osadczuk, Heather Hills.

Julia Walker, St. Mark.

Corry Jones, Union, Franklin.

Sixth Grade Boys

Christopher Gesslin, Eastwood Middle, first.

The News Photo, Rich Miller

Jason Moore, a sixth-grader at School 11, is the overall Science Fair winner.

Nick Cohen, Carmel, second.

Jason Hampshire and Patrick Birthright, Craig Middle, third.

Honorable Mention

Charlie Granger, Hamilton Southeastern, Noblesville.

Jim Bell, Westfield Middle.

Josh Heiden, Waldron.

Mike Sheets, Noblesville.

Daniel Orr, Noblesville.

John Seal, Westfield Washington, Westfield.

Sixth Grade Girls

Vanessa Elharrar, Hebrew Academy, first.

Katherine Ellis, Park Tudor, second.

Stephanie Lux, St. Joseph, Shelbyville, third.

Honorable Mention

Kimberly Samm, School 107.

Angie Enslin, School 107.

Christen Forbes, School 107.

Joleen Schwier, St. Malachy.

Leslie Arnold, Brentwood, Plainfield.

Steffanie Anderson, Meridian Middle.

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION AWARD

Leah Kottke, Kingsway Christian.

Stacie Denzio and Kristen Morgan, Brookview.

Sherry Allen and Stephanie Tex, St. Roch.

Chris Gesslin, Eastwood Middle.

BLOOD RESEARCH & EDUCATION FOUNDATION AWARD

Leah Kottke, Kingsway Christian.

CASA/SME-CENTRAL INDIANA CHAPTER 5191 AWARD

Joshua Dunn, Conner, Noblesville, fourth grade.

Emilie Cahill and Sara Rathman, St. Luke, fifth grade.

Kyle Long, Mill Creek East, sixth grade.

GAGE INSTITUTE AWARD

Fourth Grade

Michael Parks, Sycamore.

Alicia Pease, Triton, Fairland.

Fifth Grade

Shawn Graft, Westfield Middle.

Walt Cooper, Forest Dale, Carmel.

Sixth Grade

Jason Moore, School 11.

Katherine Ellis, Park Tudor.

INDIANAPOLIS DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY AWARD

Kristen Morgan, Brookview, first.

Ekow Mensah, Eastbrook, second.

AMERICAN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AWARD

Amanda Freeman, School 88.

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