

Imaginations flourish at Invent Idaho regionals

Nearly 160 students participate, some will head to state contest March 1-2

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COEUR d'ALENE

— Nearly 160 students from across North Idaho showed and told about their inventions, creations, gadgets and gizmos at the North Idaho Regional Invent Idaho competition, which was Jan. 19-21 at the Silver Lake Mall.

Invent Idaho regional coordinator Rachel Schwam, whose own daughters are Invent Idaho alumni, said the event was a huge success.

“I am incredibly proud and inspired to see the

creativity, uniqueness and inspiration behind these student inventors and believe the future is looking bright,” Schwam said Friday.

Launched in 1989, Invent Idaho is an annual event that invites students in grades one through eight to innovate new products, games, tools and other projects that could help solve some kind of problem. The categories are: Working models, which includes inventions that actually work; non-working models, for inventions that are too large,

expensive or technical to build — blueprints and models are required; gadgets and games, including novel devices or toys that entertain or educate, as well as original board, computer and other digital games and sports or athletic games; adaptations, which improves an idea that already exists; and Jules Verne, for projects that could fit into other categories but are too futuristic or fanciful to be judged against more practical inventions.

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Lakeland Middle Schooler Elizabeth McCormick is seen Jan. 21 during the Invent Idaho North Idaho Regional competition awards ceremony at the Silver Lake Mall. She won best of show for fifth through eighth grades for her invention, “Drink-A-Drop.”

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Schwam shared a big congratulations to all students who competed in the regional contest and gave a shout-out to teachers, facilitators and parents who gave guidance and direction while encouraging their students to think outside of the box.

"I am looking forward to next year and thankful for the support within the community," Schwam said.

Students who advanced will participate March 12 in the Invent Idaho State Finals at the University of Idaho in Moscow with a chance to compete at the national level later this year.

Info: inventidaho.com
Here are the names of Kootenai County students who placed in the North Idaho Regional Invent Idaho:

ADAPTATIONS

BEST OF CATEGORY:
Nora Owen, grades 5-6, Coeur d'Alene School District, "The Perfect Fit Safety System"

Grades 1-2

• Second place: Henry Barnett, grade 1-2, Coeur d'Alene School District, "The Super Vacuum"

• Third place: Daisy Johnson, grade 2, North Idaho STEM Charter Academy, "Pillow Blower"

Grades 3-4

• First place: Lily Haug, grade 3-4, Coeur d'Alene School District, "Pot Stir"

• Second place: Grayson Mueller, grade 4, Summit Christian Academy, "Light Hanging Kit 2,000"

Grades 5-6

• First place: Brooklyn Caywood, grade 6, North Idaho STEM Charter Academy, "CP Lighter"

• Third place: Allison McCormick, grade 6, Lakeland Middle School, "The No Choke Seatbelt"

GADGETS AND GAMES

BEST OF CATEGORY:
Lucas Schultz, grades 7-8, Coeur d'Alene School District, "Virtual Music Teacher"

Grades 1-2

• First place: Everett Talbot, grades 1-2, Coeur d'Alene School District, "Dog Poop Cleaner"

• Second place: Ben Harding, grades 1-2, Coeur d'Alene School District, "Car Crash!"

Grades 3-4

• First place: Magnolia Kim, grades 3-4, Coeur d'Alene School District, "Bunnyland"

• Second place: Marina Myers, grades 3-4, Coeur d'Alene School District, "Forest Trails"

Grades 5-6

• Second place: Cannon Randklev, grades 5-6, Coeur d'Alene School District, "Will You Survive?"

JULES VERNE

BEST OF CATEGORY:
Hollyn Kramer, grade 5, North Idaho STEM Charter Academy, "Glycho-Seek"

Grades 3-4

• First place: Finn Kirkbride, grades 3-4, Coeur d'Alene School District, "Air Trip"

• Third place: Hadley Wood, grades 3-4, Coeur d'Alene School District, "Animal Palooza"

Grades 5-6

• First place: Preston Pool, grades 5-6, Coeur d'Alene School District, "EDISON"

• Second place: Micah Brumbach, grade 5, Summit Christian Academy, "Cavity Cop"

• Third place: Levi Clark, grades 5-6, Coeur d'Alene School District, "Super Mars Space Crans"

Grades 7-8

• First place: Augustus Brown, grade 7, North Idaho STEM Charter Academy, "Stanway"

NON-WORKING MODELS

BEST OF CATEGORY:
Wilhelmina Kim, grades 5-6, Coeur d'Alene School District, "The No Spotty Potty"

Grades 1-2

• Second place: Daniel Paul, grade 2, North Idaho STEM Charter Academy, "Back Massager Shirt"

• Third place: Eastman Alexis, grade 2, North Idaho STEM Charter Academy, "Cart Kickstand"

Grades 3-4

• First place: Ellie Fulton and Brynn Boland, grades 3-4, Coeur d'Alene School District, "The Jumping Jump Rope"

• Cora Mihara, grade 4, Betty Kiefer Elementary, "The Only Extraordinary Rake"

Grades 5-6

• Third place: Charlie Asper, grade 6, North Idaho STEM Charter Academy, "Drive-Dry"

Grades 7-8

• First place: Ava Keppner,



Henry Barnett from the Coeur d'Alene School District won people's choice in grades one and two for his invention, "The Super Vacuum," during the North Idaho Regional Invent Idaho competition, held Jan. 19-21 at the Silver Lake Mall.



Lucas Schultz of the Coeur d'Alene School District won best of category for seventh and eighth grades for his invention, "Virtual Music Teacher," during the Invent Idaho North Idaho Regional competition awards ceremony Jan. 21 at the Silver Lake Mall.



Wilhelmina Kim of the Coeur d'Alene School District won best of category in fifth and sixth grades for her non-working model invention, the "No Spotty Potty."

grade 7, North Idaho STEM Charter Academy, "Safe Gear"

- Second place: Amelia Thompson, grade 7, North Idaho STEM Charter Academy, "Snow Safe"
- Third place: Ella Cook, grade 7, North Idaho STEM Charter Academy, "Wag Trak"

WORKING MODELS

BEST OF CATEGORY: Emily Lady, grades 5-6, Coeur d'Alene Charter Academy, "Struggled Up"

Grades 1-2

• First place: Clarice Jensen, grade 2, John Brown Elementary, "The Apple Machine"

• Second place: Curran Oswald, grade 2, North Idaho STEM Charter Academy, "The Grass Cleaner"

• Third place: Josephine Willingham, grade 2, North Idaho STEM Charter Academy, "The Paw Perfection"

Grades 3-4

• First place: Wesley Haas, grades 3-4, Coeur d'Alene School District, "The

Murphy Drawer"

- Second place: Maverick Sargent, grade 4, Summit Christian Academy, "Lake Safe"
- Third place: Solomon Hernandez, grade 3, North Idaho STEM Charter Academy, "Cuecomcat"

Grades 5-6

• First place: Lily Yang, grade 6, North Idaho STEM Charter, "The Triple Mitt"

• Third place: Lauryn Romey, grades 5-6, Coeur d'Alene School District, "Snap Socks"

Grades 7-8

• First place: Nolan Vogan, grade 8, North Idaho STEM Charter Academy, "Non-Dispute"

BEST OF SHOW, GRADES 5-8

• Elizabeth McCormick, grades 7-8 Lakeland Middle School, "Drink-A-Drop"

PEOPLE'S CHOICE

• Henry Barnett, grades 1-2, Coeur d'Alene School District, "The Super Vacuum"

UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

	2	6	5	3				
	1	3	4	7	9	8		
4		2		5				
8			2		7	5		
	2	9	7	1	4			
4	3		9			2		
	8			2	5			
2	7	9	3	4	6			
	9	6	5	3				

Complete the grid so every row, column and 3 x 3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

Previous puzzle solution								
3	7	4	9	2	1	6	8	5
5	2	6	3	8	7	9	1	4
8	1	9	6	5	4	2	3	7
9	3	7	4	1	5	8	6	2
4	6	2	8	7	3	5	9	1
1	8	5	2	9	6	7	4	3
7	5	3	1	6	9	4	2	8
6	4	8	7	3	2	1	5	9
2	9	1	5	4	8	3	7	6

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