

Young Entrepreneurs Light Up the North Dakota State Fair Part 2

By William Bohrer and the Bright Ideas Showcase and Contest Winners

As promised, this is the second part of the Bright Ideas Showcase and Contest winners article. Last month we showcased the 4th and 6th grade winners and this month we will showcase the 5th grade winners.

All three grade levels had fantastic projects. However, we had so many fifth grade entries the Bright Ideas Showcase and Contest sponsors decided to award two prizes in 1st place, two prizes in 2nd place, and two prizes in 3rd place. So without further ado here are the 5th grade winners.

The fifth grade winners were Shayleigh O., Ruthanne E., Amy C., Hunter B., Austin S., Aspen L., and Alex H.

Shayleigh O. invented the Container of Non-Soggy Bread and was awarded 3rd Place. “My dad had a problem with his bread getting soggy” said Shayleigh. “So I made a product to hold your bread separate from your meat, cheese, mustard, etc. so your bread doesn’t get soggy”.

Ruthanne E. and Amy C. invented the Kernel Katcher and also took 3rd Place. “The Kernel Katcher is a special popcorn bowl which separates the delicious popcorn from those tooth-bustin’ kernels. Yummy!”

Hunter B. invented the Super Storage Dog House and took 2nd Place. Hunter came up with the idea when he had no place to put his dog’s toys. “My invention will help anybody that has a dog. It holds everything a dog needs.”



3rd Place winner Shayleigh O., and The Container of Non-Soggy Bread



3rd Place winners Ruthanne E. and Amy C. with the Kernel Katcher



2nd place winner Hunter B. and the Super Storage Dog House
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Austin S. invented the Bobcat Trailer #2 and won both 2nd Place and the Special Award for Innovation in Agriculture. Austin's trailer is a specially designed trailer to be used with Bobcat skid steer loaders. "This is a trailer to use with a bobcat. It goes up and over the bobcat and down to the trailer" said Austin.



2nd place winner Austin S. and the Bobcat Trailer #2

Aspen L. took 1st Place with her invention The Goat Bar. She came up with the idea out of necessity. "I always had a problem giving my goat fruit and grains when she needed it" said Aspen. "So I came up with a bar with grains and fruit in it."



1st place winner Aspen L. and the Goat Bar

Last but not least is Alex H. Alex took 1st Place and also won the Special Award for Innovation in Technology. Here is what Alex has to say about the Helmet Airbag. "The helmet airbag is a specially designed helmet that upon impact deploys an airbag to protect the neck. This is a useful project and could save many lives. Most fatal motorcycle injuries, even when a helmet is worn, are due to neck injuries."



1st place winner Alex H. and the Helmet Airbag

This year's Bright Ideas Showcase and Contest was a great success. In fact we had three Bright Ideas Showcase and Contest winners take 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place just a few weeks ago at the Marketplace of Ideas Invention Showcase and Contest. Can you guess which ones? Check back next time for a look at the Marketplace of Ideas Invention Showcase and Contest youth winners! □

