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Marketplace for Kids Bright Ideas showcase recognizes area children

By Daily News Staff

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BISMARCK -- Minot students Michael Couse, Marisa Nelson, Riley Held and Joby Walter received awards at the Marketplace for Kids Bright Ideas Showcase and Contest held July 29 in conjunction with Co-op Day at the North Dakota State Fair in Minot.

Michael Couse was awarded first place in the Grade Four Invention Category with his invention, Water on Wheels. Water on Wheels is designed to help you bring water to your plants and flower beds where your garden hose may not reach, eliminating the need to carry a watering can.

Marisa Nelson was awarded first place in the Grade Four Business Idea Category with her invention Cupholder 4000. The Cupholder 4000 is outfitted with a suction cup to keep your beverage in place and safe from tipping over.

Riley Held tied for third place in the Grade Five Invention Category with her invention Shovel Shaker. Shovel Shaker enables you to salt your sidewalk as you shovel away the snow.

Joby Walter was awarded first place in the Grade Six Invention Category for his "Window Wizard" Window invention. The "Window Wizard" Window would allow you to wash the outside of your windows above the first floor without the need of a ladder or scaffold.

Michael and Marisa are students at Lewis and Clark Elementary School. Riley is a student at McKinley Elementary School, and Joby is a student at Nedrose Elementary School.

Other Minot students who participated and their inventions included Jordan Huber and Kaydra Weigel from Nedrose Elementary School -- The Pocketeer; and Ty Nygaard from Edison Elementary School -- Trax Retrieval.

The inventions and business ideas were judged by an independent panel of volunteers from the Minot Service Corps of Retired Executives under the direction of Lowell Latimer.

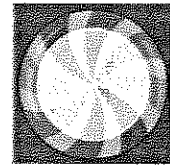
For more information, visit the Web site at (www.MarketplaceForKids.org).

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Andrea Johnson/MDN -- With her latest CD "Butterflies" for sale, Courtney Smith of Palermo performed as part of the Marketplace for Kids event at the North Dakota State Fair.

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