

# A fair bit of science

## Students put curiosity to use

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Science is an important part of a student's curriculum, right along with learning to read and do math problems. Children are naturally curious, and science can help to satisfy that curiosity providing valuable ideas, skills and potential future career choices.

Students at Centertown Elementary had the opportunity to participate in the annual Science Fair, with 112 projects on display in the school gymnasium. Some entries were from individuals, and some were submitted as a group entry.

According to fair organizer and science teacher Robyn Kirby, more and more students are choosing to participate in the fair with a variety of topics and experiments.

"All the students performed tests on topics spanning the subject of science," said Kirby. "Some tests performed were from pulley strength, density, renewable and nonrenewable resources to the effects of exercise and caffeine on the heart rate. Many household items were tested from clothing detergent and paper towel performance to tissues and toothpaste brands."



Photos provided  
**Ryder Gillespie proudly displays his blue ribbon for his science exhibit titled "Shiver Me Timbers." He and several Centertown students participated in the science fair.**



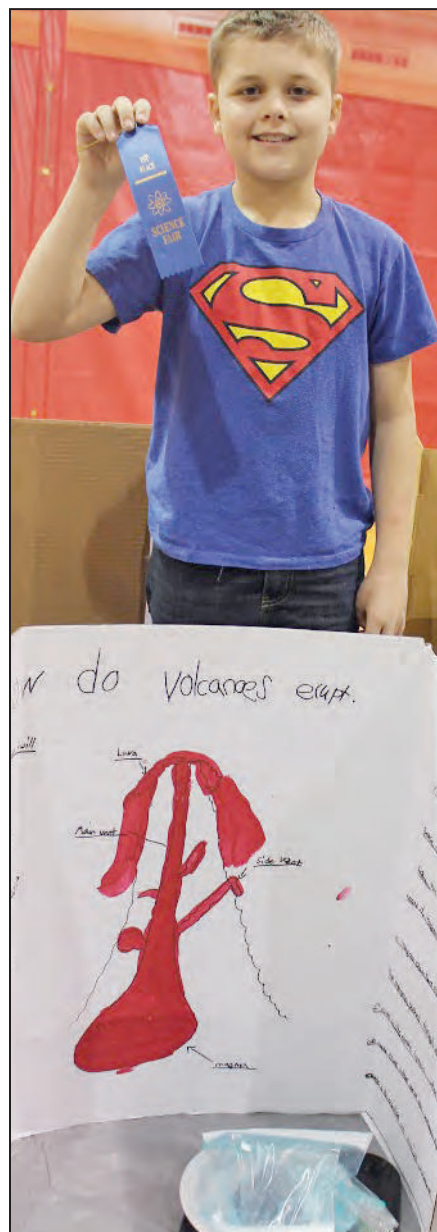
**Students, from left, Steven Bonner, Peyton Jones and Kamus Crouch are proud to win the fifth-grade group division for their Potato Clock display.**



**Addison Terrasi represents the sixth-grade group winning display.**



**Emma Kirby won the fourth-grade individual category.**



**Volcanos do erupt declares Eric Heming, fourth-grade research blue-ribbon winner.**



**Second-grade student Noelle Bratcher earned a blue ribbon for her science fair experiment called "Sweet Science."**



**Pre-K student Sophia Pepper identified the parts of a plant in her science fair exhibit.**



**The first place individual research award goes to Adelaide Davidoff for her creative display.**