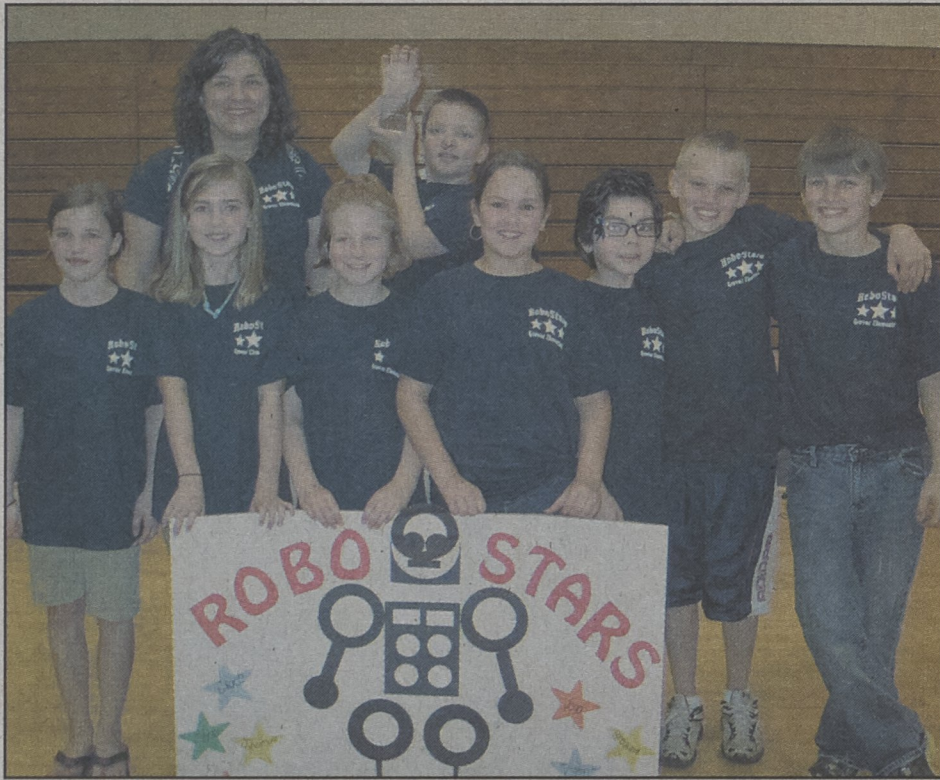


Grover RoboStars advancing to regional competition in robotics



Left to right, Alyssa Newton, Grace Whitaker, Breanna Webb, Vega Weston, Simon West, Tristan Stenger, Triston Hannon; and second row, Dawn Hicks and Thomas Hicks are winners in Grover's CyberKids Robotics team.

The Grover RoboStars won first place overall in the recent Cleveland County Schools, CyberKids Robotics Tournament. The team will advance with six others from the district to the regionals at Catawba Valley Community College in Hickory on April 21.

The CyberKids Robotics Competition Program is a hands-on learning experience for children in grades four through nine. In the competition, children learn team work and polish their skills in math, science, computer programming and critical thinking to design and build a robot that completes required missions.

Each team writes computer programs to make their robot complete the missions. Teams earn points based on how their

robot successfully finishes the tasks in two-and-a-half minutes.

CyberKids Robotics, a non-profit education company dedicated to improving the STEM education of students in the Carolinas and Virginia, provides all computers, software and robotics equipment used.

A CyberKids coach brings all required computer and robotics equipment to schools for practice sessions each month. In the sessions, students learn how to design, build and program their competition robots.

Each team conducts research on a topic that is special to each annual competition. After the research is complete, the team creates a special presentation to present to a panel of judges at the com-

petition.

Also advancing with the Grover RoboStars are the Fallston RoboDogs, who finished first in teamwork; Shelby Intermediate's Juice Botz, which finished first in project presentation; Shelby Intermediate's Peanuts, which finished first in robot performance; Burns Middle's RoboPros, which finished second overall; and Shelby Intermediate's Cyberbananas, which finished third overall. The two teams, which did not advance, were Burns Middle's Android Storm and Shelby Intermediate's Jiggly Udders.

Grover's team consisted of eight fourth graders and was led by the school's AIG teacher Dawn Hicks. The team won overall with 153 points.

Fair inventions at North

North Elementary's fourth grade reading AIG students recently studied inventors and inventions and then joined the rank of Thomas Edisons in a fair. As part of this unit of study, stu-

dents were challenged to become inventors.

They were asked to think of a problem in their daily lives and to come up with an invention that would solve their

problem. After two months of research on various inventions and inventors, the students put on an inventor's fair to show off their new inventions.



Contributed photos
Rexen Venevongsoth, Tracy Stewart, and Jasmyn Adams look on as Jacob Cox explains his invention.

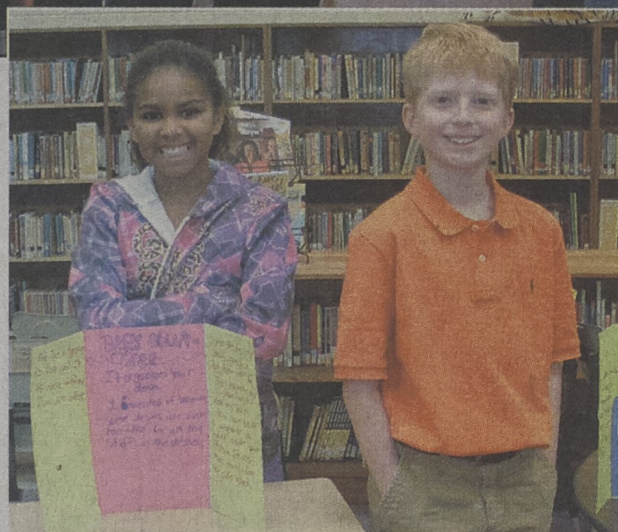


North Elementary inventors Jacob Cox and Layla Harris.



Top: Jada Spaulding, Mary Robinson, and Rexen Venevongsoth stand with their inventions.

Bottom: Savanna Briggs and Shane Szathmary stand with their inventions.



Jasmyn Adams and Tracy Stewart with their inventions.

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Bridges
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CRMC Cancer Center
A special educational program to aid recovery during the post-operative period after a mastectomy or lumpectomy. Register two weeks after mastectomy or lumpectomy by calling 980-487-3757.

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Expectant Grandparents
April 23 6 p.m.
CRMC Women's Life Center Conference Room
For first time grandparents, insights into what to expect with the new grandchild. To register, please call 980-487-3983.

Life as a Suicide Survivor
April 24 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Cleveland County Library Conference Room
104 Howie Drive
This program is for anyone who has suffered the loss of someone close to them by the taking of their own life.

Diabetes Wellness & Resource Group
April 26 5:30 p.m.
CRMC Auditorium
"Protecting Your Nervous System From Diabetes" discussion led by Carolina Neurology. For more information, please call 980-487-3953.

Daddy Boot Camp
April 30 6 - 9 pm
Dad lead training for expectant fathers
Women's Life Center Conference Room
It allows man to man discussion with the opportunity to hear experiences and gain insight from recently new fathers and get helpful hints from facilitators. Fee: \$10 For more information, please call 980-487-3887 and 980-487-3983 to register.

Healthy Hearts Support Group
April 4 Noon
CRMC Gina C. Suttle Wellness Education Suite
T. R. Harris Wellness Center
"Changing Behavior (Smoking)"
For more information, please call 980-487-3659.

Breastfeeding Support Group & Mom to Mom Support Group
April 4 10 a.m. - Noon
Women's Life Center Conference Room
Open to all breastfeeding mothers and nursing babies and expectant moms who are interested in breastfeeding. For more information, please call 980-487-3887 and 980-487-3983 to register.

Kangaroo Kapers
April 16 6 p.m.
CRMC Women's Life Center Conference Room
Provides children expecting a brother or sister a positive introduction to the hospital and to what life will be like with a new baby. Pre-registration is required. Please call 980-487-3983.

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