

Nearly two hundred entries

Ballantrae students show science skills

By ERKKI POHJOLAINEN
BALLANTRAE — Nearly two-thirds of the students at Ballantrae Public School entered this year's science fair. With about 200 projects in competition, the task of judging must have been extremely difficult.

The projects were marked Wednesday afternoon on three levels (primary, junior and intermediate) and in three general categories (Life Science, Applied Science and Engineering, and Math and Physical Science).

In the junior division of the Life Sciences competition, Megan Morrison, 11, came first with her experiments on Hydroponics (growing plants without soil). In an interview at the school, Megan told The Tribune she started on the project "about a month ago."

Her display included 32 samples of seedlings grown in various environments, and each had a graph to illustrate its daily progress. She included 10 graphs to demonstrate the benefits of planting seeds in formica chips, with abundant water, rather than soil.

Her display was neatly organized with the plants mounted on two wooden racks. The comparisons and illustrations were fastened to two large boards standing behind the experiments. Explanations about the experiment and comments on the plants' daily progress were written into a 48-page report.

"I worked about half-an-hour every day just on doing the observations," Megan said.

Megan has heard comments that hydroponics does not work too well, "but," she said, "mom asked me to start some already in March so we can transplant them outside in the spring." Her

mother thinks it works. Andrea Wilson finished second, behind Megan, in the junior division with a project on Taste, followed by Edith Coates for her work on Roots.

In the primary level Rebecca Morrison won with her investigation of The Five Senses. Tami Senour came second with a project on Backyard Bugs. Third went to the team of Jennifer McLeod and Lawnie Wallace for their work on Sea Shells.

Liane Beam came first in the intermediate level with a project on Food. Rob Graham and Mike Moran were awarded second for their team effort on Plants. Shane O'Rourke took third with a look at the Cardiovascular System.

In the Applied Science and Engineering class, first in the primary division went to Derek Detner for his research on Windmills. David Butcher came second with an investigation of the Kaleidoscope, followed by Penny Carpenter and a project on Popcorn.

David Coleby and Matthew Robinson combined their focus on Lasers to win in the junior division. Sherri Gray, with a look at Papermaking, came second, followed by Monika Paquin and Tracy Bell teaming up to do a project on Braces.

A study of Bridges, by Johnathan Cowley, was the winner in the intermediate competition. Fred Christensen's work on Thermal Windows came second.

Melody Brabant's project on Paper, Shane Ulb's Solar Collector investigation and Sean Tomlin's Windpower research finished in

three-way tie for third. Daniel Gerrond and Paul Hrynewych received honorable mention for their project on Pollution as did Doug Henderson for his work on Solar Energy.

In the Math and Physical Science division of the competition Adam Senour won in the primary level with his detailed look at Tornados. Sara Cliff came second with a project on Magnets, followed by Jeremy Wise and his work with Magnets.

Debbie Sansom won in the junior division with her research into Astronomy. Lisa Dulude came second with her work entitled Chemistry: Disappearing Chemicals. Chris Bellerby and Megan Butcher took third with their investigation of Chlorine Bleach.

Corina Wilson took first in the intermediate level with her project on Fire, followed by Cathy Sansom and a look at the Weather. Heather Banks and Sarah Clark did research to learn How Water Changes the Earth's Surface and tied for third with Kevin Dancy and his investigation of Air Pressure. Honorable mentions went to Kelly Sheridan, with a look at light, and Paul Winger, for his project on Solids, Liquids and Gases.



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