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Young inventors taking ideas to state convention

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Evan Nix, inventor of The Night Writer (Jeff Cook/Bettendorf News)

Three students from Bettendorf and LeClaire schools were among 28 chosen to represent the Quad-City region at the State Invention Convention on April 24 at Carver Hawkeye Arena in Iowa City. Student inventors, 167 in all, from kindergarten through eighth grade shared their inventions at the regional Invent Iowa Convention Feb. 20 at the Family Museum in Bettendorf. The event was sponsored by the Mississippi Bend Area Education Agency.

Evan Nix

School: Lourdes Catholic, Bettendorf

Grade: Fourth

Parents: Derrick and Lisa Nix

Invention: The Night Writer

Why it's needed: "I like to write in the dark, and on long trips, my dad wouldn't let me turn on the light in the back seat, so I invented The Night Writer. I also invented the Removable Night Writer that can be put on almost any pen. I used all materials from home, besides the battery."