

School Notes for Feb. 24

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North Pocono

North Pocono senior Parth Bhoiwala took first place in a bridge building competition among 45 of the region's students at the Viewmont Mall.

Junior Matt Kuniegel took third place.

The event is designed to promote the study and application of fundamental principles of physics.

Parth's bridge weighed about 3 ounces and held about 77 pounds before it broke - meaning his light bridge design supported about 5,507 times its own weight.

Parth said his CADD class last year and physics class this year helped prepare him for the competition. He credited teachers J. Croom and Mike Hricko, who served as advisers, for their guidance and help.

The reason he participated was simple.

"I like designing and building stuff," Parth said.

For winning the regional title, Parth will compete at a national competition at the Illinois Institute of Technology in May, making him the 10th North Pocono student since 1997 to qualify.

Matt's bridge supported 3,784 times its own weight. Mr. Croom said Matt would have won the school's previous internal contest.

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