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# Nepean This Week

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## Science is golden Grade 8 science whiz set to take on the country

**DEVON BABIN**  
NTW Staff

Sathya Baskaran is someone special.

While many people simply accept the way things work, he has a genuine interest in not only how things work, but how they can be improved.

It is this mentality that helped the young Nepeanite take home four awards from the recent Ottawa Regional Science Fair including the top honour of Best in Fair. With the top honour he gets an all expenses paid trip to Truro, Nova Scotia to compete in the Canada Wide Science Fair next month.

"Science is something I enjoy a lot," said Baskaran. "It's something I've had an interest in since the time I was little."

Baskaran, who is a Grade 8 student at Turnbull private school, did a lengthy research project on knee surgery, specifically ACL reconstruction. His research centred on materials that may be used to replace and reconstruct parts of the knee.

He began doing research on his own, but after contacting Gore-Tex, a manufacturer that puts out a product of the same name, he got in contact with Judy

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Overton at the National Research Council (NRC). This was the first step to Baskaran receiving a mentorship with Overton in which he was able to do research at the NRC.

"Before I could enter the lab I needed a set amount of information, a set amount of data," he said.

He has worked with his mentor since last summer and it continues to this day.

"It's a really big opportunity," said Baskaran. "Not a lot of children are able to enter into the labs."

After doing research at the NRC and on his own, Baskaran decided that Gore-Tex was the way to go over a carbon fiber material because it is more consistent.

For the Canada Wide Science Fair Baskaran will be improving upon his current project by testing a third material, along with focusing on the basics.


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MARGARET SAMBOL PHOTOS


### A slammin' good time!

Rage Wrestling's Uprising was held at the Nepean Sportsplex last Saturday (April 13). In front of an enthusiastic crowd, the wrestlers performed in extremely athletic and challenging matches. Above, Michael Von Payton (a.k.a. MVP) performs a suplex on Cobra Kai (in red). At left, this choke-hold would help Cobra go on to win the match.



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