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THE WINNERS of the Sons of American Revolution Americanism poster contest were announced at Jefferson Elementary School Thursday. Taking first place is Christian Ward (center), placing second is Brittany Andersen (right) and placing third is Savannah Allen (left).

Fifth-graders winners in SAR poster contest

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JEFFERSON — Fifth graders at Jefferson Elementary School participated in the National Sons of the American Revolution "Americanism" poster contest.

This is the first year the local chapter of the SAR sponsored the national contest. The students did their own research for the posters. Both fifth-grade classes made mini-posters and then turned them into larger-sized posters, said Sara Steward, fifth-grade teacher.

Sixteen students from the classes then chose to enter their posters in the contest. The winners were announced during a presentation by SAR on

Thursday.

The theme this year was "Yorktown." The students were judged on their understanding of the Battle of Yorktown, artistic merit and creativity and evidence of research, said Troy Bailey, president of SAR.

"We had a hard time making a decision," he said.

Christian Ward came out on top, winning first place for his poster of a battle map, complete with burned edges giving the poster an aged look. Ward's poster will be sent to Columbus to compete at the state-level competition the beginning of May. The state winner will then be entered in the national competition held in Louisville, Ky. in July.

Ward also received a \$75 savings bond. He came up with the idea for his poster with a little help from his dad, he said.

"The map I did on a smaller poster and wanted to put it on a bigger one," Ward said. "My dad taught me how to burn it."

The second place winner was Savannah Allen and third place was awarded to Brittany Anderson.

The contest was open to fifth and sixth graders studying the American Revolution. Bailey said next year the organization would like to expand the contest to include more districts from Ashtabula, Lake and Geauga counties. A different theme is chosen for the contest every year.