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Prosecutor Walsh Announces 2014 Safety Kids Calendar Winners

Tallmadge Middle School student wins grand prize, will be featured on calendar cover

AKRON, OHIO – November 13, 2013 – Summit County Prosecuting Attorney Sherri Bevan Walsh today announced the winners of the 2014 Safety Kids Calendar contest at an awards ceremony at the Akron-Summit County Public Library. Of the 1,329 posters submitted, Tallmadge Middle School student Heather House's entry was chosen as the grand prize winner. House's poster, which advises kids to avoid gangs and to "be yourself, not someone else," will be on the cover of the 2014 Safety Kids calendar.

Prosecutor Walsh, along with emcees Tim Daugherty from WONE-FM and Sue Wilson from WQMX-FM, presented the 48 winners with congratulatory certificates and gift cards in front of a packed audience of family, friends, teachers and contest judges. The evening started with the presentation of the flag by the Sheriff's Department Honor Guard and an a cappella rendition of the national anthem by Miller South students Kate Klika, Reyna Moran and Sabrina Reed.

"I am always impressed by the creativity, enthusiasm and hard work exhibited by these students," said Prosecutor Walsh. "I'd like to thank all of the students who submitted a poster, as well as our judges, who had an extremely difficult task of selecting winners. I'd also like to thank Kate Klika, Reyna Moran and Sabrina Reed for their beautiful singing and the Sheriff's Honor Guard for their flag presentation. Additionally, I'd like to thank the Akron-Summit County Public Library for hosting our awards ceremony every year, ClearChannel Outdoor for providing billboards, WBNX-TV for filming and airing our PSAs, Tim Daugherty and Sue Wilson for emceeing the ceremony and FASTSIGNS and Hudson Printing for creating the calendars and taking pictures tonight."

Each of the first-place posters will be featured in the 2014 Safety Kids Calendar and on billboards throughout Summit County. The grand prize and first-place winners and their posters will also be included in a PSA with Prosecutor Walsh that will air on WBNX-TV: The CW.

Winning posters were submitted from the following schools: Bolich Middle School, Coventry Middle School, East CLS, Lakeview Intermediate School, Litchfield Middle School, Nordonia Middle School, Revere Middle School, Spring Hill Junior High School, St. Barnabas School, St. Hilary School, St. Paul School and Tallmadge Middle School.



The winners are:

Grand Prize: Heather House, 8th Grade, Tallmadge Middle School

Rule 1: Trust yourself! Don't give in to peer pressure.

1st Place: Christina Whitehouse, 8th grade, St. Hilary School 2nd Place: Ashley Smith, Jr., 7th grade, East CLC

3rd Place: Sierra Boggs, 8th grade, Coventry Middle School Honorable Mention: Maeve Cox, 8th grade, St. Paul School

Rule 2:Don't do drugs!

1st Place: Alex Reese, 8th grade, St. Barnabas School

2nd Place: Mariah Cargill, 8th grade, Bolich Middle School

3rd Place: Zack Price, 7th grade, East CLS

Honorable Mention: Isabella Grassa, 8th grade, Nordonia Middle School

Rule 3: Don't use alcohol!

1st Place: Gwyneth Bush, 6th grade, St. Barnabas School 2nd Place: Shannon Berchtold, 8th grade, Nordonia Middle School

3rd Place: Madalyn Farrell, 6th grade, St. Barnabas School

Honorable Mention: Jenna Ashley, 7th grade, Nordonia Middle School

Rule 4: Never play with guns!

1st Place: Rachel Parrino, 8th grade, Nordonia Middle School 2nd Place: Brianna Yovanovich, 7th grade, Spring Hill Junior High School

3rd Place: Erin Stock, 6th grade, St. Hilary School

Honorable Mention: Lizzy Gurko, Nordonia Middle School

Rule 5: Don't smoke!

1st Place: Daria Gitiforooz, 7th grade, St. Barnabas School 2nd Place: Jordon Malish, 7th grade, Tallmadge Middle School 3rd Place: Hope Spinner, 8th grade, St. Hilary School

Honorable Mention: Nick Joyner, 7th grade, Tallmadge Middle School

Rule 6: Safeguard your personal information online. Think twice before you post!

1st Place: Owen McDermott, 6th grade, St. Hilary School 2nd Place: Kaitlyn Hazelton, 7th grade, St. Barnabas School

3rd Place: Katie Towslee, 7th grade, St. Barnabas School

Honorable Mention: Lauren Lewis, 6th grade, St. Barnabas School

Rule 7: Don't talk to or go with anyone you don't know.

1st Place: Nicole Seal, 7th grade, Tallmadge Middle School 2nd Place: Madison Ray, 8th grade, Litchfield Middle School

3rd Place: Nicole Schmeiser, 8th grade, Nordonia Middle School

Honorable Mention: Camryn Tarle, 6th grade, Tallmadge Middle School



Rule 8: Say NO to unwanted touch!

1st Place: Amy Rose Dudycz, 7th grade, Nordonia Middle School 2nd Place: Jacquelyn Shields, 8th grade, Bolich Middle School 3rd Place: Brook Cheatwood, 8th grade, East CLC

Honorable Mention: Jake Rensel, 8th grade, Tallmadge Middle School

Rule 9: Never tell anyone you are home alone.

1st Place: Talia Naylor, 8th grade, Nordonia Middle School 2nd Place: Kelly Maloney, 8th grade, St. Barnabas School 3rd Place: Zack Savol, 8th grade, Nordonia Middle School

Honorable Mention: Bridget Davenport, 8th grade, Litchfield Middle School

Rule 10: Say NO to gangs!

Grand Prize: Heather House, 8th grade, Tallmadge Middle School
1st Place: Sierra Shannon, 8th grade, St. Hilary School
2nd Place: Audrey Hepler, 6th grade, Lakeview Intermediate

3rd Place: Isabella Richardson, 7th grade, Nordonia Middle School

Rule 11: Stop bullies in their tracks. Always tell an adult.

1st Place: Mallory Tedor, 7th grade, Nordonia Middle School

2nd Place: Kelsey Juchnowski, 7th grade, Revere Middle School 3rd Place: Katie Bender, 8th grade, St. Hilary School

Honorable Mention: Maeve Fleming, 6th grade, St. Barnabas School

Rule 12: Violence at home is never OK. Your home should be a safe place.

1st Place: McKenna McEachen, 7th grade, St. Barnabas School

2nd Place: Allison Baker, 8th grade, Spring Hill Junior High School

3rd Place: Adrianna Powers, St. Hilary School

Honorable Mention: Katie Hathaway, 7th grade, Revere Middle School

Note to editors: You can view the winning posters on our website.