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Winners of 2021 Safety Kids Calendar Announced

Annual Event Sponsored By Summit County Prosecutor's Office

AKRON, Ohio (Thursday, October 29, 2020) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today the winners of the 2021 Safety Kids Calendar contest, the 19th year of the contest.

This year was a little different because of the COVID-19 pandemic, with seven Summit County schools and 326 students submitting posters. Last year, over 1,200 students from 15 different schools participated.

“Thank you to everyone who participated. I know this year has been difficult for teachers, students, and families. My heartfelt thanks go out to each and every one who was able to take part,” said Prosecutor Walsh.

This year's grand prize winner is **Lily Headley**, a sixth grader at Schrop Intermediate School. Lily's poster told kids to be their own beautiful bird and not give in to Peer Pressure. Lily's creativity and message won the judges over.

The awards ceremony, usually held at the Akron-Summit County Main Library, was held virtually on Wednesday evening, October 28, 2020. Prosecutor Walsh, along with emcee Tim Daugherty from WONE-FM and WAKR-FM, conducted the event for the 54 winners and their families.

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Prosecutor Walsh added, “with all we have been through this year, it was such a joy to see these posters and the creativity. There were so many outstanding depictions of my 12 safety rules. I was so impressed and proud to celebrate their work.”

In addition to the 12 Ways to Stay Safe, the contest includes two additional categories called “Prosecutor Picks”. This is the second year six additional posters were chosen for either their humor or creative message.

Each of the first-place posters will be featured in the 2021 Safety Kids Calendar and on billboards throughout Summit County. Winning posters were submitted from the following schools: Schrop Intermediate, Springfield Junior High School, Bolich Middle School, Tallmadge Middle School, Our Lady of the Elms, Roberts Middle School, and Nordonia Middle School.

The winners are:

Grand Prize: Lily Headley, 6th Grade, Schrop Intermediate

Rule: Trust Yourself – Don’t Give In To Peer Pressure

1st Place: Caroline Smith, 8th Grade, Springfield Junior High

2nd Place: Tori Freimuth, 7th Grade, Springfield Junior High

3rd Place: Chloe Cole, 8th Grade, Springfield Junior High

Rule: Say NO To Gangs

1st Place: Grant Carr, 8th Grade Springfield Junior High

2nd Place: Taylor Adkins, 8th Grade, Nordonia Middle School

3rd Place: Brianna Byrley, 7th Grade, Tallmadge Middle School

Rule: Don’t Do Drugs

1st Place: Nick Malek, 8th Grade, Springfield Junior High

2nd Place: Mason Gruic, 8th Grade, Springfield Junior High

3rd Place; Andrew Langenek, 7th Grade, Schrop Intermediate

Honorable Mention: Lillian Baker, 8th Grade, Nordonia Middle School

Rule: Don’t Smoke or Vape

1st Place: Mia Mellino, 8th Grade, Nordonia Middle School

2nd Place: Hayley Mihoan, 8th Grade, Springfield Junior High

3rd Place: Reese Frisbee, 8th Grade, Tallmadge Middle School

Honorable Mention: Zachary Lunsford, 7th Grade Bolich Middle School

Rule: Safeguard Your Personal Information Online – Think Twice Before You Post

1st Place: Ella Vaughn, 6th Grade, Schrop Intermediate

2nd Place: David Mayfield, 6th Grade, Schrop Intermediate

3rd Place: Jaslyn Schalmo, 7th Grade, Nordonia Middle School

Honorable Mention: Evan Gergely, 6th Grade, Tallmadge Middle School

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Rule: Don't Talk To Or Go With Anyone You Don't Know

1st Place: Lania Grubs, 8th Grade, Springfield Junior High

2nd Place: Katie Dodson, 6th Grade, Schrop Intermediate

3rd Place: Christopher Alfen, 8th Grade, Springfield Junior High

Honorable Mention: Ava Steele, 7th Grade, Nordonia Middle School

Rule: Never Tell Anyone You Are Home Alone

1st Place: Emily Renner, 8th Grade, Nordonia Middle School

2nd Place: Paige Koberlein, 7th Grade, Tallmadge Middle School

3rd Place: Ava Kolettis, 8th Grade, Nordonia Middle School

Honorable Mention: Olivia Skinner, 7th Grade, Roberts Middle School

Rule: Never Play With Guns

1st Place: Kaleb Surgen, 8th Grade, Springfield Junior High

2nd Place: Ava Poploski, 8th Grade, Nordonia Middle School

3rd Place: Hailey Wright, 8th Grade, Nordonia Middle School

Honorable Mention: Carley Rapp, 8th Grade, Nordonia Middle School

Rule: Don't Use Alcohol

1st Place: Jillian Inch, 6th Grade, Schrop Intermediate

2nd Place: Marissa Buettner, 8th Grade, Nordonia Middle School

3rd Place: Lexi Snyder, 8th Grade, Springfield Junior High

Honorable Mention: Johnny Williams, 6th Grade, Schrop Intermediate

Rule: Stop Bullies In Their Tracks – Always Tell An Adult

1st Place: Kori Hamrick, 8th Grade, Springfield Junior High

2nd Place: Madison King, 8th Grade, Springfield Middle School

3rd Place: Isabella Gizzo, 7th Grade, Nordonia Middle School

Honorable Mention: Layla Long, 6th Grade, Schrop Intermediate

Rule: Violence At Home Is Never Okay – Your Home Should Be A Safe Place

1st Place: Lilly Garretson, 8th Grade, Springfield Junior High

2nd Place: Avrey Paunkas, 7th Grade, Nordonia Middle School

3rd Place: Kayleigh Boggs, 6th Grade, Schrop Intermediate

Honorable Mention: Kathryn Jefferies, 7th Grade, Our Lady of Elms

Rule: Say NO To Unwanted Touch

1st Place: Tegan Brown, 7th Grade, Nordonia Middle School

2nd Place: Riley Tyson, 8th Grade, Nordonia Middle School

3rd Place: Cassie Bishop, 6th Grade, Tallmadge Middle School

Honorable Mention: Tyler Puma, 8th Grade, Nordonia Middle School

PROSECUTOR’S PICKS – Creative Message Category

Nina Manion, 6th Grade, Tallmadge Middle School

London Greathouse, 8th Grade, Springfield Junior High

Michelle Kersey, 6th Grade, Bolich Middle School

PROSECUTOR’S PICKS – Humorous Category

Isabella Monaco, 8th Grade, Nordonia Middle School

Helena Pete, 7th Grade, Roberts Middle School

Ariana Parianos, 6th Grade, Roberts Middle School