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Winners of 2024 Safety Kids Calendar Announced

Annual Event Sponsored By Summit County Prosecutor's Office

AKRON, Ohio (Monday, November 13, 2023) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today the winners of the 2024 Safety Kids Calendar contest, the 23rd year of the contest.

The ceremony was held in-person at the Akron-Summit Library on South High Street. Of the over 1,000 submissions from 10 different schools in Summit County, the grand prize winner was 13-year-old **Isabella Elmiger**, a 7th grader at Green Middle School. Isabella's creativity and artwork for the "Don't Use Alcohol" category said "think, don't drink" and posed a choice between water and alcohol. Isabella's poster will be on the front cover of the 2024 Safety Kids Calendar!

The awards ceremony was held on Wednesday evening, November 8, 2023. Summit County Prosecutor's Office Community Outreach Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich, along with Keith Kennedy from Akron's 98.1-FM, hosted the event for the 53 winners and their families. Also, a special thank you to the Miller South School Choir for singing the National Anthem and "Lift Every Voice and Sing" at the event.

"It truly is such a joy to review these fantastic posters. So much creativity goes into each work of art by the students. Each year I am so impressed with their thoughtfulness and dedication in showcasing my 12 safety rules," said Prosecutor Walsh. "Thank you to everyone who participated. Thank you to all the winners, and especially Keith Kennedy, the Miller South School Choir, and Elliot Kolkovich for all their work in this year's ceremony."

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Sixth, seventh, and eighth graders from Summit County submitted posters following the Summit County Prosecutor's Office's 12 Ways To Stay Safe.

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

Each of the first-place posters will be featured in the 2024 Safety Kids Calendar and on billboards throughout Summit County. Winning posters were submitted from the following schools: Bolich Middle School, Green Middle School, Holy Family School, Litchfield CLC, Mogadore Junior High, Nordonias Middle School, Springfield Junior High School, and Tallmadge Middle School.

The winners are:

Grand Prize: Isabella Elmiger, 7th Grade, Green Middle School

Rule: Don't Use Alcohol

- 1st Place: Elliana Jurkowski, 8th Grade, Green Middle School**
- 2nd Place: Shreya Sanal, 8th Grade, Tallmadge Middle School
- 3rd Place: Peyton Carmel, 7th Grade, Tallmadge Middle School

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

- 1st Place: Alyssa Yax, 8th Grade, Nordonias High School**
- 2nd Place: Isla Sullivan, 8th Grade, Bolich Middle School
- 3rd Place: Amelia Delboccio, 7th Grade, Litchfield CLC
- Honorable Mention: Uziah Adekunle, 7th Grade, Green Middle School

Rule: Never Play With Guns

- 1st Place: Makenzie Smith, 7th Grade Litchfield CLC**
- 2nd Place: Sofie Osburn, 7th Grade, Tallmadge Middle School
- 3rd Place: Kaleigh Reining, 8th Grade, Holy Family School
- Honorable Mention: Iliana Hughes, 7th Grade, Springfield Junior High

Rule: Don't Do Drugs

- 1st Place: Saikslane Ong, 7th Grade, Litchfield CLC**
- 2nd Place: Jaelin McDaniel, 7th Grade, Litchfield CLC
- 3rd Place: Jariah Johnson, 7th Grade, Litchfield CLC
- Honorable Mention, Cody Peck, 7th Grade, Springfield Junior High

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Rule: Don't Smoke or Vape

1st Place: Callie Hanna, 7th Grade, Springfield Junior High

2nd Place: Isabel Banig, 8th Grade, Tallmadge Middle School

3rd Place: Alysia Williams, 7th Grade, Litchfield CLC

Honorable Mention: Rae Affolter, 7th Grade, Mogadore Junior High School

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

1st Place: Mackenzie Kutscher, 7th Grade, Springfield Junior High

2nd Place: Tiana Eh, 7th Grade, Springfield Junior High

3rd Place: Sneha Rimal, 8th Grade, Bolich Middle School

Honorable Mention: Jillian Turnbull, 7th Grade, Nordon Middle School

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

1st Place: Riley Hazlett, 8th Grade, Tallmadge Middle School

2nd Place: McKenna Wilhelm, 7th Grade, Nordon Middle School

3rd Place: Hadiel Alamari, 8th Grade, Bolich Middle School

Honorable Mention: Noah Hogan, 7th Grade, Springfield Junior High

Rule: Say NO To Unwanted Touch

1st Place: Penelope Roettger, 7th Grade, Tallmadge Middle School

2nd Place: Bailey Smith, 7th Grade, Mogadore Junior High

3rd Place: Juliet Call, 8th Grade, Tallmadge Middle School

Honorable Mention: Sophia Parise, 6th Grade, Litchfield CLC

Rule: Never Tell Anyone You Are Home Alone

1st Place: Evan Angel Brown, 8th Grade, Litchfield CLC

2nd Place: Kendall Campbell, 8th Grade, Tallmadge Middle School

3rd Place: Madelyn Rhodes, 7th Grade, Tallmadge Middle School

Honorable Mention: Crystal Aguirre, 7th Grade, Springfield Junior High

Rule: Say NO To Gangs

1st Place: Maci Lewis, 7th Grade, Springfield Junior High

2nd Place: Emma Butler, 6th Grade, Litchfield CLC

3rd Place: Caylah Cook, 7th Grade, Tallmadge Middle School

Honorable Mention: Alaina Reed, 7th Grade, Green Middle School

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

1st Place: Le'Airroyna Myers, 7th Grade, Springfield Junior High

2nd Place: Emma Lindhe, 6th Grade, Tallmadge Middle School

3rd Place: Natalie Phillips, 8th Grade, Litchfield CLC

Honorable Mention: Maeve Croft, 6th Grade, Holy Family School

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

1st Place: Autumn Holcomb, 7th Grade, Springfield Junior High

2nd Place: Grant Bunner, 7th Grade, Green Middle School

3rd Place: Madison Extine, 8th Grade, Green Middle School

Honorable Mention: Emma Phillips, 8th Grade, Tallmadge Middle School

PROSECUTOR’S PICKS – Creative Message Category

Roxy Williams, 8th Grade, Mogadore Junior High

Bella Henkel, 7th Grade, Nordonina Middle School

Chase Handel, 8th Grade, Green Middle School

PROSECUTOR’S PICKS – Humorous Category

Tony Bryant, 8th Grade, Bolich Middle School

Hannah Fergason, 7th Grade, Green Middle School

Collin Hendrickson, 8th Grade, Mogadore Junior High