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## Winners of 2025 Safety Kids Calendar Announced

*Annual Event Sponsored By the Summit County Prosecutor's Office*

AKRON, Ohio (Thursday, November 14, 2024) – Summit County Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich announced today the winners of the 2025 Safety Kids Calendar contest, the 24<sup>th</sup> year of the contest.

Of the over 1,000 submissions from 13 different schools in Summit County, the grand prize winner was 13-year-old **Makayla Craig**, an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Nordonia Middle School. Makayla's creativity and artwork for the "Don't Give into Peer Pressure" category said "it's boring to be like everyone else" and showed different types of leaves. Makayla's poster will be on the front cover of the 2025 Safety Kids Calendar!

The awards ceremony was held on Wednesday evening, November 13, 2024, at the Akron-Summit Library. Summit County Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich hosted the event for the 54 winners and their families and presented congratulatory certificates and Amazon gift cards. 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.

"I had such a great time going through the posters. The students' posters were so creative with positive messages about being safe. Their dedication and thoughtfulness were impressive," said Prosecutor Kolkovich. "Thank you to everyone who participated. Also, a special thank you to the Miller South School Choir for their work in this year's ceremony."

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Sixth, seventh, and eighth graders from Summit County schools 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 sixth-year additional posters were chosen for either their humor or creative message.

Each of the first-place posters will be featured in the 2025 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 Kolkovich that will air on WBNX-TV 55 during the holidays. Winning posters were submitted from the following schools: Bolich Middle School, Green Middle School, Holy Family School, Hyre CLC, Our Lady of the Elms, Roberts Middle School, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Woodridge Middle School, Schrop Intermediate, Mogadore Junior High, Nordonia Middle School, Springfield Junior High School, and Tallmadge Middle School.

The winners are:

**Grand Prize: Makayla Craig, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Nordonia Middle School**

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

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Dannee Ritchey, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, Green Middle School

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Allyson Hoyt, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Green Middle School

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Elliot Campbell, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Green Middle School

**Rule: Don't Do Drugs**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: Aubrie Giner, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, Hyre CLC**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Adrian Budacov, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, Tallmadge Middle School

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Maddie Jameson, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, Springfield Junior High School

Honorable Mention: Brynn Ingham, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Springfield Junior High School

**Rule: Don't Use Alcohol**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: Violet Sanderson, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, Tallmadge Middle School**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Hannah Nguyen, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, Our Lady of the Elms

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Caylie McClure, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, Green Middle School

Honorable Mention: Alyssa Rowley, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Springfield Junior High School

**Rule: Never Play With Guns**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: Chase Trejbal, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, Green Middle School**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Izzy Stratton, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Holy Family School

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Penelope Roettger, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Tallmadge Middle School

Honorable Mention: Katie Strate, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, Tallmadge Middle School

**Rule: Don't Smoke or Vape**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: Cameron Royer, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, Mogadore Junior High School**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Ella Gooden, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Green Middle School

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Ryleigh Duncan, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Green Middle School

Honorable Mention: Wesley Blake, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Springfield Junior High School

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: Jasleen Garha, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Tallmadge Middle School**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Reese Hazlett, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, Tallmadge Middle School

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Aiden Schoonover, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, Immaculate Heart of Mary

Honorable Mention: Parker Pluto, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, Immaculate Heart of Mary

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: Alyssa Finasa, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Green Middle School**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Brielle Pekarek, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Immaculate Heart of Mary

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Gabbie Kelley, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, Tallmadge Middle School

Honorable Mention: Owen Kiser, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, Springfield Junior High School

**Rule: Say NO To Unwanted Touch**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: Kayleigh Edman, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Springfield Junior High**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Sophia LeGalley, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, Woodridge Middle School

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Alexis Marxen, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, Schrop Intermediate School

Honorable Mention: Leah McArthur, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Roberts Middle School

**Rule: Never Tell Anyone You Are Home Alone**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: Evangelina Neri, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Green Middle School**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Phoebe Smith, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, Green Middle School

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Chloe Moke, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Tallmadge Middle School

Honorable Mention: Ashlynn Graham, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, Green Middle School

**Rule: Say NO To Gangs**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: Isbowl Chamlagai, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, Tallmadge Middle School**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Anna Shull, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, Mogadore Junior High School

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Paige Volk, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Springfield Junior High School

Honorable Mention: Corbin Zehner, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Green Middle School

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: Violet Vacha, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, Tallmadge Middle School**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Michael Whitehead, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, Mogadore Junior High School

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: John Jones, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, Bolich Middle School

Honorable Mention: Lucas Vila, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, Bolich Middle School

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: Martina Crnogorac, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, Hyre CLC**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Faith Wagner, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, Bolich Middle School

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Sophia Minne, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, Green Middle School

Honorable Mention: Kiesha Ortiz, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, Roberts Middle School

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**PROSECUTOR'S PICKS – Creative Message Category**

Zoey Davis, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, Our Lady of the Elms

Nyair Russ, 8th Grade, Nordonia Middle School

Leah Walters, 6th Grade, Roberts Middle School

**PROSECUTOR'S PICKS – Humorous Category**

Ramone Flores, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, Nordonia Middle School

Cheyenne Witte, 7th Grade, Hyre CLC

Carly Yanok, 8th Grade, Nordonia Middle School

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