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### **Mount Hope girl wins Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day poster contest**

Six-year-old Brooklyn Schmidt of Mount Hope is one of three south central Kansas winners in the 2022 Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day poster contest, sponsored annually by the Kansas Department of Transportation and other traffic safety organizations.

Brooklyn is the daughter of Jeffrey and Rachel Schmidt. She attends Andale Elementary School.

Contest winners receive a bicycle from the Kansas Turnpike Authority and a helmet from Safe Kids Kansas.

The idea of the contest is getting children to think about traffic safety and to present those ideas on posters. A total of 497 children in Kansas, ages 5 to 13, participated this year. Brooklyn won in the regional category for kids ages 5 to 7.

Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day is a nationwide initiative to improve traffic safety and decrease traffic deaths.

For more information, click [HERE](#) for KDOT's Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day website.

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