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NE Kansas Student Knows How Important It is to “Put the Brakes on Fatalities”

Ten-year-old Addison Mae Gehrt of Westmoreland (Pottawatomie County) is one of three northeast Kansas regional winners in the 2012 Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day poster contest. As a regional winner, Addison will receive a bicycle and a bicycle helmet donated by Safe Kids Kansas at a school assembly presentation at **St. George Elementary School, 200 Blackjack Road in St. George on Wednesday, November 7 at 2:00 p.m.**

Not only did Addison take home regional honors, but she was also selected as one of the three statewide winners. As a statewide winner, she will receive a family package from the Rolling Hills Wildlife Adventure and the Courtyard by Marriott of Salina, and also a \$50 fuel card from the QuikTrip Corporation.

Over 614 poster contest entries were received across the state with 18 students receiving regional recognition and three students receiving statewide recognition. The poster contest helps bring awareness to all ages for the need to reduce fatalities on our nation’s highways. Numerous transportation organizations across the state sponsor this annual event. A copy of Addison’s winning poster is included below.

The two additional poster contest winners in northeast Kansas include Cresinda Bandel, 5, of Oskaloosa (Jefferson County) and Jacque Stroud, 13, of Topeka (Shawnee County). These northeast Kansas students will receive their awards at a future date yet to be announced.

For more information on Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day, visit www.brakesonfatalities.org. For questions or additional information, please contact Kimberly Qualls, Northeast Kansas Public Affairs Manager, at (785) 640-9340.

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