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FORTY-SEVEN OHIO STUDENTS RECOGNIZED IN ANNUAL STATE SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS POSTER CONTEST

COLUMBUS, OH – Nina Wolf, a sixth grader in Summit County during the 2012-2013 school year, was recognized Saturday at the Ohio State Fair as the overall state winner in a statewide poster contest. Nina’s colorful poster on heat waves artistically illustrates safety tips for extreme heat. Her poster states, “Heat Waves are NOT for riding.”

The Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness chose Nina’s poster as the most informative, accurate and creative out of the many posters received during its annual Severe Weather Awareness Poster Contest.

As the overall state winner, Nina received a variety of awards and prizes from the committee and its partners, to include a check to go toward a \$100 U.S. Treasury Direct savings bond, a letter of congratulations from Governor John R. Kasich, a NOAA Weather Radio, a smoke detector, a personalized trophy, a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) backpack and disaster supply kit, and a host of other prizes. Later in the fall, her school will receive an engraved “traveling” trophy to showcase for the remainder of the school year. In an effort to promote severe weather preparedness, the committee will feature Nina’s poster throughout the year.

Seven students, one from first through sixth grades and specialized instruction classes, were announced as state-level winners and received prizes and awards, including checks to go toward \$50 savings bonds, NOAA Weather Radios, smoke detectors and letters of congratulations from Gov. Kasich. They are: 1st Grader Grace Draeger of Sandusky County; 2nd Grader Briana Mackey of Lorain County; 3rd Grader Landon Long of Pickaway County; 4th Grader Gabby Roll of Medina County; 5th Grader Devin Overall of Lorain County; 6th Grader Brandon Weaver of Pickaway County; and 6th Grader Skylar Williams.

This year, a total of 47 students from 25 Ohio counties were honored as regional winners. The students represented grades 1-6 from 32 schools. As regional winners, every student artist received a certificate from the National Weather Service and sling backpacks full of prizes from the offices and their partners that make up the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness.

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Since 1978, the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness has conducted its annual poster contest. Since its inception, students have designed informative posters on severe weather safety and preparedness. The efforts of these students have helped the committee meet its overall goal – to educate Ohioans about the actions they can take to protect themselves and others before, during and after severe weather occurs.

Names of the 47 regional, state and overall state winners

(*) Denotes state winners

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<i>Grade</i>	<i>Students</i>	<i>Home County</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Students</i>	<i>Home County</i>
Specialized Instruction	Kairi Bolanos, 2 nd Gr Alexis Armstrong, 4 th Gr Stephen Jugon, 5 th Gr Skylar Williams, 6 th Gr*	Medina Clark Clark Pickaway			
1 st Grade	Grace Draeger* Caroline Ernst Kennedy Stuit Zane Tevis Alexa Titus	Sandusky Brown Williams Logan Lake	4 th Grade	Madison Garrett Sophia Luchini Bryce Mihm Gabby Roll* Lucille Schneider Wylie Shipley Allison Swiatkowski	Fairfield Allen Mercer Medina Ottawa Adams Summit
2 nd Grade	Erin Bergman Ryan Johnson Briana Mackey* Rickey Pryor Noelle Ritter Corinne Shull Marina Ziegler	Darke Pickaway Lorain Hamilton Williams Lucas Summit	5 th Grade	Regan Draeger Soleil Drinnen Jack Hinkle Randi Lansing Kaylee Miller Devin Overall* Tatum Tatman	Sandusky Shelby Summit Pike Williams Lorain Pickaway
3 rd Grade	Ava Caizzo Allyson Jones Cole Lenhart Landon Long* Hannah Nihart Maci Shaffer Morgan Shetzer Hannah Sterns Myla Toole	Huron Mahoning Logan Pickaway Williams Columbiana Sandusky Tuscarawas Adams	6 th Grade	Kyra Contris Logan Ferguson Mason Goode Abigail Hopkins Dylan Polen Kiara Rakestraw Brandon Weaver* Nina Wolf**	Wood Clark Pike Williams Ashland Tuscarawas Pickaway Summit

All posters will be available to view on the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness Web site: www.weathersafety.ohio.gov.

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