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## **NE Kansas Students Know How Important it is to “*Put the Brakes on Fatalities*”**

Seven-year-old **Casen Dalinghaus** of Seneca (Nemaha County) is one of three northeast Kansas regional winners in the 2014 Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day poster contest. As a regional winner, Casen received a bicycle and a bicycle helmet donated by Safe Kids Kansas at an afternoon school assembly presentation today at **Axtell Elementary School, 504 Pine Street in Axtell (Marshall County)**.

A total of 1,344 poster contest entries were received from across Kansas with 18 students receiving regional honors and three students receiving statewide honors. 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 Casen’s winning poster is included below.

The two additional regional poster contest winners in northeast Kansas include Ashley Ortiz-Vizeuth, 10, Whitson Elementary School, and Alexys Wemhoff, 13, Chase Middle School, both of Topeka (Shawnee County).

Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day is a nationwide effort to increase roadway safety and reduce all traffic fatalities. For more information on Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day, visit [www.brakesonfatalities.org](http://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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Poster created by:

Casen Dalinghaus (Seneca)  
Age 7  
Axtell Elementary School, Axtell, KS  
5-7-year-old category winner