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

Ten-year-old **Ashley Ortiz-Vizueth** of Topeka is one of three northeast Kansas regional winners in the 2014 Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day poster contest. As a regional winner, Ashley received a bicycle and a bicycle helmet donated by Safe Kids Kansas at an afternoon school assembly presentation today at **Whitson Elementary School, 1725 SW Arnold in Topeka (Shawnee 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 Ashley's winning poster is included below.

The two additional regional poster contest winners in northeast Kansas include Casen Dalinghaus, 7, Axtell Elementary School in Axtell (Marshall County), and Alexys Wemhoff, 13, Chase Middle School in 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.

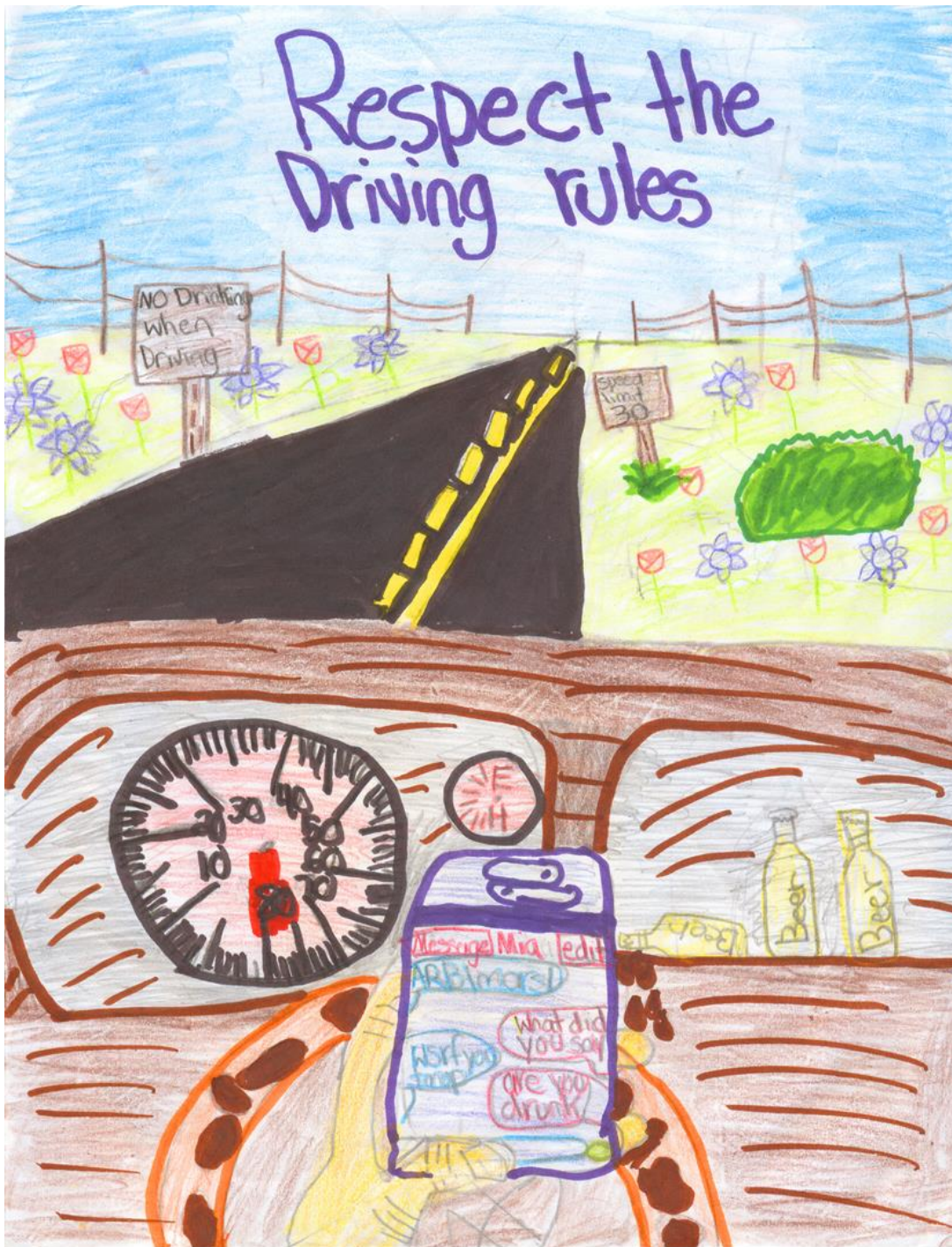
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Poster created by:

Ashley Ortiz-Vizueth (Topeka)

Age 10

Whitson Elementary School, Topeka, KS

8-10-year-old category winner