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Winners in Nebraska Spirit Art Contest announced

LINCOLN – Nebraska Secretary of State John Gale announced the following elementary school students as winners in the Nebraska Spirit Art Contest:

- Kindergarten: Carson Amack, Heartland Community School, Henderson.
- First grade: Brittany Quiring, Heartland Community School, Henderson.
- Second grade: Vanessa Taylor, McAndrew Elementary School, Ainsworth.
- Third grade: Brigett Effenbeck, Deshler Lutheran School, Deshler.
- Fourth grade: Devin Lally, Shoemaker Elementary School, Grand Island.
- Fifth grade: Brooke Olmer, St. Anthony School, Columbus.

Gale and Nebraska.gov, the state's official Web portal, sponsored the contest for children as a way to promote Nebraska.

The winners will have their work featured for one year on a downloadable screen saver that will be available at www.nebraska.gov.

On June 8, the winners and their families will be hosted to a day of activities in Lincoln, including a ceremony with Gov. Dave Heineman and Gale, a tour of the State Capitol, a luncheon at the Governor's Mansion and a visit to the Lincoln Children's Zoo.

The winners were determined through online voting from May 11-25 that involved five finalists from each grade. The balloting attracted a total of 2,879 votes.

"I am pleased that we have the opportunity to show the world the winners' wonderful artwork that represents their proud Nebraska spirit," Gale said.

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