TOPEKA, KS—Winners of the Happy Birthday, Kansas! Student Photo Contest received prizes on Tuesday, January 29, 2019, the 158th celebration of Kansas’s birthday at the Kansas State Capitol. Lieutenant Governor Lynn Rogers congratulated students along with Marearl Denning, representing the legislative spouses, and presented to students from first through 12th grades an iPad for first place and a Kindle for second place. The contest, now in its fifth year, is presented in conjunction with the Kansas Historical Society.

The statewide contest invited students to shoot photographs based on the theme, Your Home and Family, throughout the state in 2018. Photographs from the 24 winners will be on display in the Capitol visitor center through February 8, and online at kshs.org/18622.

These are the winners in the 2018 photo contest:

First grade: Addison Maxwell, “Family Wheat Harvest,” first place, Larned; Reed Hedstrom, “Storms on the Prairie,” second place, Cheney
Second grade: Audrey Sosebee, “Walking with Great-Grandpa,” first place, Kansas City; Tanner Riley, “Farm Pond,” second place, Galva
Fourth grade: Colby Taylor, “Ranching Roots in the Flint Hills in Kansas,” first place, Alma; Rachael Barnhardt, “God’s Painting,” second place, Lebo
Fifth grade: Emmie Grimm, “Dreaming of the Future,” first place, Morrill; Camden Kruse, “Frosty Cattle,” second place, Galva
Sixth grade: Reese Hedstrom, “Life as a Farm Kid,” first place, Cheney; Violet Franklin, “Historic Barn,” second place, Shawnee
Seventh grade: Regan Hedstrom, “Harvest Time!” first place, Cheney; Teal Franklin, “Where It All Started,” second place, Shawnee
Eighth grade: Johanna Walker, “Memories in Bloom,” first place, Franklin; Elizabeth Singh Dhillon, “Speedy Sister,” second place, Saint Marys
10th grade: Kendall H. Schoenhals, “Cowboy and a Sunset,” first place, Haven; Aiden Moore, “Amber Waves of Grass,” second place, Canton
11th grade: Megan Maltbie, “Sparks in the Dark,” first place, Galva; Zabien Marquez, “Sister, Sister,” second place, Bucklin

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