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Happy Birthday, Kansas! Photo Contest Winners
Receive Prizes at Kansas State Capitol

TOPEKA, KS—Winners of the Happy Birthday, Kansas! Discovering Kansas: A Student Photo Contest received prizes January 29 during Kansas Day festivities at the Kansas State Capitol. Governor Sam Brownback congratulated the students as Diane Macheers presented an iPad to first place winners and a Kindle to second place winners. Macheers represented the legislative spouses, who jointly sponsored the contest with the Kansas Historical Society.

The statewide contest invited students in first through 12th grade to photograph the state, with prizes awarded to first- and second-place winners in each grade. Photographs from the 24 winners will be on display in the Capitol visitor center the afternoon of January 29 through the morning of February 4, and online at kshs.org/18622.

The following is a list of the winners:

Morgan Nabus, “Rock Fence,” first grade, first place, Junction City
Reese Hedstrom, “Leader of the Pack!” first grade, second place, Cheney
Haven Knapp, “Robin Eggs!” second grade, first place, Seneca
Elinor Russo, “Stone Barn on the Tallgrass Prairie,” second grade, second place, Lawrence
Regan Hedstrom, “Haybale Jumpin’,” third grade, first place, Cheney
David Knoblauch, “The Dragonfly and a Lily Pad,” third grade, second place, Wichita
Logan Nabus, “Road Scene,” fourth grade, first place, Junction City
Collin Brooks, “Kansas Wheat Field,” fourth grade, second place, Lenora
Keegan Griffin, “Farm Worker,” fifth grade, first place, Salina
Madison Wright, “Sunrise,” fifth grade, second place, Macksville
Lauren Galusha, “Mushroom Rock with Tree,” sixth grade, first place, Maize
Talia Clanton, “Kansas Wheat,” sixth grade, second place, Manhattan
Luke Musselman, “Geary State Fishing Lake Falls,” seventh grade, first place, Clifton
Aaron Magill, “Kansas Windpower,” seventh grade, second place, Topeka
Rylee Schrock, “Kansas Skies,” eighth grade, first place, Brookville
Garrison Stowell, “Smoky Sunset,” eighth grade, second place, Vermillion
Amber Petrie, “Sunset Boy,” ninth grade, first place, Murdock
Vivian Noelle Crandall, “Sunset on the Lake,” ninth grade, second place, Olathe
Alicia Groenhagen, “Cling,” 10th grade, first place, Lawrence

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Macy Putnam, “Winter Beauty,” 10th grade, second place, Hoyt
Elsie Grimm, “Feedin’ Cattle,” 11th grade, first place, Morrill
Manessah Krohn, “Up, Up and a Wonderful Day!” 11th grade, second place, Topeka
Karsen Odle, “Canoe at Sunset,” 12th grade, first place, Beloit
Nina Friesen, “Glass,” 12th grade, second place, Lawrence

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