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AWLI names
Poster winners

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Immediate Release

Winners in this year's poster contest at the upcoming 16th annual Wolf Lake Bi-State Wetlands, Wind and Water festival will be honored at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 28 at the Environmental Education Center, 2405 Calumet Avenue, Hammond.

Free to the public, the festival will be held May 28-29 at Wolf Lake. It is sponsored by the Association for the Wolf Lake Initiative (AWLI).

This year's contestants attend either Discovery Charter School of Porter, IN or Douglas Taylor Elementary School in Chicago.

Fishing, archery and kite flying caught the fancy of 7th and 8th grader winners.

First-place winner is Luz Garcia, 8th grade. Second- and third-place winners are Zariah Quinones, 8th grade, and Denise Velazquez, 7th grade. All attend Taylor Elementary School.

Awarded honorable mention designation are Katherine Ortega, 7th grade, Jose Moralez, 8th grade; Brandon Navar, 7th grade; Jullissa Lopez, 8th grade; and Miranda Lopez, 8th grade, all from Taylor Elementary School.

Students age 10 and 11, focused on swimming, canoeing, and fishing, Placing first and second are Dane Hansen, 4th grade, and Krystina Santiago, 5th grade, respectively. Both attend Discovery Charter School. Placing third was Alexa Madrigal, age 11, of Taylor Elementary School.

Fishing and walking a dog are the Wolf Lake activities of winning students aged 7, 8, and 9. Placing first is Archer Gallup, 7, of Discovery Charter School. Isabel Mondragon, 8, and Oziel Salas, 9, earned second and third place, respectively. Both attend Taylor Elementary.

The youngest age group liked taking rides on swings and slides and viewing wild flowers. Placing first is Ivan Guzman, 5. Second- and third-place winners are Marcos Garibay, 6, and Edyth Serrato, 6, respectively.

All attend Taylor Elementary.

Supervising the young artists were Annette Hansen of Discovery Charter School and Melissa Ramirez, science teacher, and Julianna Esquivel, art teacher, at Taylor Elementary. The contest was open to all youngsters in Wolf Lake area schools and youth groups.

Posters will be exhibited in store fronts in communities around Wolf Lake.

First-place winners will each receive \$25. Second-place winners will each receive \$15, and the third-place prize winners will each receive \$10.

Judging the entries were Racine Kovach of Lake County Solid Waste Management District and Mary Kuzniar of Chicago.

As in past years, the purpose of the contest is to instill in participants a stewardship ethic.

AWLI is a bi-state not-for-profit organization and land trust dedicated to the protection and enhancement of the Wolf Lake watershed.

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