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News Release

For Immediate Release

5th Grade Arbor Day Poster Contest Winners Announced

Field Elementary School student Noah Henkle is the overall citywide winner of the 2011 Springfield 5th Grade Arbor Day Poster Contest.

Noah's poster was selected by local tree experts, the Missouri Community Forestry Council (MCFC) and the Springfield Tree City USA Citizens' Advisory Committee. The local contest is part of the MCFC and Forest ReLeaf sponsored state competition. The contest asked students to create a poster reflecting the theme "Trees are Terrific ... and Energy Wise!" Nearly 300 fifth-grade students from Springfield area schools participated this year. View a PDF of [Noah's winning poster design](#).

As the citywide first place winner, Noah will receive a gift from the Missouri Department of Conservation, a framed certificate from Springfield City Council and the Tree City USA Citizens' Advisory Committee, a one-year pass to Dickerson Park Zoo for his family and a tree coupon from City Utilities. A tree also will be planted at Noah's school in honor of Noah and his teacher, Debbie Bradley, by Springfield Public Schools and the Springfield Public Works Department. The tree will be listed in the Springfield Tree Registry as the "Henkle/Bradley American Hornbeam."

There will be a tree planting ceremony and a reading of Springfield's Arbor Day Proclamation at Field Elementary School at 1 p.m., Friday, April 8, 2011 to honor Noah and celebrate Springfield's Arbor Day. All winning students will be honored at a tree planting ceremony at their school during the month of April. A listing of all student winners and schedule of their award ceremonies, including Noah's, is below.

For more information on the Springfield 5th Grade Arbor Day Poster Contest and Springfield Arbor Day Celebration, please call the Springfield Public Works Urban Forestry Office at (417) 864-1135.

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Bowerman Elementary 523-1400
2148 North Douglas (65803)
Friday, April 01, 2011 — 1 pm
STUDENT: Taylor Castillo
TEACHER: Cynthia Gitthens
TREE NAME: Castillo/Gitthens Lacebark Elm

Robberson Elementary 523-1800
1100 East Kearney (65803)
Friday, April 1, 2011 — 2 pm
STUDENT: Kaleb Krejci
TEACHER: Ann Allen
TREE NAME: Krejci/Allen Hop Hornbeam

Field Elementary 523-4800
2120 East Baratara (65804)
Friday, April 8, 2011 — 1 pm
Springfield Arbor Day Celebration
STUDENT: Noah Henkle (1st Place City-Wide)
TEACHER: Debbie Bradley
TREE NAME: Henkle/Bradley American Hornbeam

Disney Elementary 523-3600
4100 South Fremont (65804)
Friday, April 8, 2011 — 2:30 pm
STUDENT: Alyssa Bates
TEACHER: Sara Johnson
TREE NAME: Bates/Johnson Willow Oak

Pershing School 523-2400
2120 South Ventura (65804)
Friday, April 15, 2011 — 12:15 pm
STUDENT: Kara Peters
TEACHER: Debbie Hostetler
TREE NAME: Peters/Hostetler Black Alder

Holland Elementary 523-4100
2403 South Holland (65807)
Friday, April 15, 2011 — 2:30 pm
STUDENT: Julian Shaw
TEACHER: Kim Bess
TREE NAME: Shaw/Bess Willow Oak

Sherwood Elementary 523-3800
1813 South Scenic (65807)
Thursday, April 21, 2011 — 1:30 pm
STUDENT: Jacob Lewis
TEACHER: Carla Osborn
TREE NAME: Lewis/Osborn Lacebark Elm

St. Agnes Elementary 866-5038
531 South Jefferson (65806)
Friday, April 29, 2011 — 11 am

STUDENT: Lauren Anderson (3rd Place City-Wide)
TEACHER: Tom Gray
TREE NAME: Anderson/Gray 'Green Pillar' Oak

Westport Elementary 523-3100
415 South Golden (65802)
Friday, April 29, 2011 — 1 pm
STUDENT: Nakkee Bealer
TEACHER: Rita Bear
TREE NAME: Bealer/Bear Shumard Oak

Mark Twain Elementary 523-4300
2352 South Weaver (65807)
Friday, April 29, 2011 — 2:30 pm
STUDENT: Faith Halbert (2nd Place City-Wide)
TEACHER: Amie Turner
TREE NAME: Halbert/Turner Bald Cypress



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