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FIFTY-THREE OHIO STUDENTS RECOGNIZED IN ANNUAL STATE SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS POSTER CONTEST

COLUMBUS, OH – Landon Long, a second grader in Pickaway County during the 2011-2012 school year, was recognized Saturday at the Ohio State Fair as the overall state winner in a statewide poster contest. Landon's poster on tornado safety artistically illustrates four basketballs as they "Shoot for Safety" Each ball has a message – Warning: Seek Shelter; Listen to NOAA Weather Radio; Watch: Be Prepared; and Review Safety Plans.

The Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness chose Landon's poster as the most informative, accurate and creative out of the many posters received during its annual Severe Weather Awareness Poster Contest.

As the overall state winner, Landon received a variety of awards and prizes from the committee and its partners to include two \$100 savings bonds, a letter of congratulations from Governor John R. Kasich, a NOAA Weather Radio, a smoke detector, a personalized trophy, a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) backpack and disaster supply kit, and a host of other prizes. Later in the fall, his school will receive an engraved "traveling" trophy to showcase for the remainder of the school year. In an effort to promote severe weather preparedness, the committee will feature Landon's poster throughout the year.

Seven students, one from first through sixth grades and specialized instruction classes, were announced as state-level winners and received prizes and awards, including \$50 savings bonds, NOAA Weather Radios, smoke detectors and letters of congratulations from Gov. Kasich. They are: 1st Grader Olivia O'Toole of Summit County; 2nd Grader Steven Scott of Summit County; 3rd Grader Kaiya Thomas of Wood County; 4th Grader Regan Draeger of Sandusky County; 4th Grader Joshua Luke of Coshocton County; 5th Grader Laura Angle of Summit County; and 6th Grader Hannah Arnold of Coshocton County.

This year, a total of 53 students from 33 Ohio counties were honored as regional winners. The students represented grades 1-6 from 36 schools. As regional winners, every student artist received a certificate from the National Weather Service and sling backpacks full of prizes from the offices and their partners that make up the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness.

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Since 1978, the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness has conducted its annual poster contest. Since its inception, students have designed informative posters on severe weather safety and preparedness. The efforts of these students have helped the committee meet its overall goal – to educate Ohioans about the actions they can take to protect themselves and others before, during and after severe weather occurs.

Names of the 53 regional, state and overall state winners

(*) Denotes state winners

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<i>Grade</i>	<i>Students</i>	<i>Home County</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Students</i>	<i>Home County</i>
Specialized Instruction	Madysen Adkins, 6 th Grade Joshua Luke, 4 th Grade* Devin Overall, 4 th Grade Janna Puz, 6 th Grade	Montgomery Coshocton Lorain Coshocton			
1 st Grade	Jillian Coutts Danielle Jackson Devon Jenkins Cameron Miller Shannon Nuernberg Daphne Parker Olivia O'Toole* Anna Wells Cooper Winders	Tuscarawas Fairfield Logan Ashland Brown Marion Summit Paulding Perry	4 th Grade	Logan Curtis Regan Draeger* Frank Durkin Sydney Feipel Madison Langhals Mark Seger Katie Vaughn Wesley Williams, III	Clermont Sandusky Summit Van Wert Putnam Shelby Madison Athens
2 nd Grade	Aubrea Adams James Brindley Caroline Day Katelyn Heath Daniel Kurek Landon Long** Lynn Schwieterman Steven Scott*	Huron Tuscarawas Brown Perry Crawford Pickaway Mercer Summit	5 th Grade	Laura Angle* Angie Fetsic Brennen Greene Kurt Griffith Evan Hopple Alysha Matson Rachel McLoughlin Breanna Ortiz Gracie Rodes	Summit Erie Jackson Putnam Marion Noble Delaware Montgomery Adams
3 rd Grade	Alex Finck Malachi Irby Shannen Plew Megan Romans Alexa Stucke Alexis Thereault Kaiya Thomas* Eva Todd	Perry Hamilton Richland Fairfield Mercer Tuscarawas Wood Summit	6 th Grade	Hannah Arnold* Taylor Ellerbrock April Graham Sarah Khoury Jenna Meier Caroline Pier Jill Schmittmeyer	Coshocton Putnam Cuyahoga Franklin Pike Summit Auglaize

All posters will be available to view on the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness Web site: www.weathersafety.ohio.gov.

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