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Poster Contest Winners Announced
Preston County fifth-graders take first and third places

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Division of Forestry officials today announced the winners of the 2009 West Virginia Arbor Day Poster Contest. Beth Sawyer, a fifth-grade student at Kingwood Elementary School in Preston County, created the winning design representing this year's theme, "*Trees Are Terrific...in Cities and Towns!*" Sawyer's first-place poster was automatically entered in the National Arbor Day Poster Contest representing the state of West Virginia. In addition to receiving a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond provided by the West Virginia Forestry Association, Sawyer also will have a tree planted in her honor during a special ceremony. The date of that ceremony is to be announced.

Hannah Pineault, who attends Woodburn Elementary School in Monongalia County, placed second, and another Preston County fifth-grader, Sabrina Spiker of Tunnelton-Denver Elementary, placed third. Awards ceremonies for Spiker and Pineault also will be scheduled in the near future.

The contest is open every year to all public, private and home-schooled fifth-grade students in West Virginia. A total of 20 schools and 680 fifth-grade students participated in the 2009 West Virginia Arbor Day Poster Contest.

The winning posters may be viewed at the Division of Forestry's Web site, www.wvforestry.com.

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