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WILL COUNTY STUDENTS ACHIEVE EXCELLENCE IN 2010 TAR WARS POSTER CONTEST

JOLIET – Derek Malone, a fifth-grade student from Three Rivers School in Channahon, won the 2010 Will County Tar Wars Poster Contest March 19.

An annual event hosted by the Will County Health Department, the Tar Wars Poster Contest helps children to recognize the importance of not using tobacco. The 2010 Tar Wars winner was judged to be most outstanding from among more than 50 posters submitted for consideration.

Malone receives a digital camera for submitting the winning poster. The top five Will County poster submissions advance to the Illinois State Tar Wars Poster Contest in mid-April. The Illinois state winner advances to the national contest finals July 26-27, in Washington D.C.

Tar Wars is a free tobacco prevention program developed by the American Academy of Family Physicians, and introduced to Will County schools in 2007. Will County Tobacco Control & Prevention has presented the program to more than 5,500 area grade schoolers. Presentations emphasize the short-term, image-based consequences of tobacco use, costs associated with using tobacco products, and the advertising techniques used by tobacco companies to market harmful products to youth.

Will County Executive Larry Walsh and 65 Will County Health Department employees served as Tar Wars judges. Posters were judged on creativity, originality, artistic ability, and the creation of a clear and positive tobacco-free message. Students recognized for runner-up and honorable mention poster submissions received prizes and special certificates of participation.

For more information about Tar Wars, visit www.tarwars.org, or telephone Will County Tobacco Control & Prevention at 815-774-7312.

Runners-up Second Place: Melissa Liedtke; Three Rivers School, Third Place: Autumn Groszek; Spencer Crossing, Fourth Place: Mackenzie Williams; Pioneer Elementary, Fifth Place: Kyle Doody; Spencer Crossing.



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Honorable Mentions: Dylan Humiston; Spencer Crossing, Claire Young; Pioneer Elementary, Susanna Corduan; Potters Hand Home School Group, Bailey Garland; St. Mary Nativity Joliet, Analise Doorhy; St. Mary School Mokena, Andrew Schlegel; Builta Elementary Bolingbrook, Riley Klimek; Ludwig School Lockport, Jessica Bravo; St. Joseph Joliet, Hector Haro; Carl Sandburg Joliet, Marley Reilly; Beecher Elementary, Cienna Jones; Thomas Jefferson Joliet, Lindsay Gragasm; Ludwig School Lockport, Scarlet Kellner; Wilton Center Elementary, Clay Briscoe, Three Rivers School.