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**Winners in Nebraska Spirit Art Contest announced**

LINCOLN – The winners of the 2010 Nebraska Spirit Art Contest have been selected. The contest was open to students in kindergarten through fifth grades.

The winners are Tyson Warrick of Norfolk, Sacred Heart School, kindergarten; Rylee Olson of Leigh, Leigh Elementary School, first grade; Blake McDowall of Omaha, Holy Ghost Catholic School, second grade; Justin Kaczmarek of Omaha, Holy Ghost Catholic School, third grade; Tessa Welty of Kearney, Kenwood Elementary School, fourth grade; and Collin Brown of Bladen, Blue Hill Community School, fifth grade.

The contest, which is designed to promote Nebraska, is sponsored by Secretary of State John Gale and [Nebraska.gov](http://Nebraska.gov), the state's website.

The winners will have their artwork featured on a downloadable screen saver for one year. The screen saver is available at [www.nebraska.gov/contest](http://www.nebraska.gov/contest).

On June 4, the winners and their families were hosted to a day of activities in Lincoln, including a ceremony with Gale and Gov. Dave Heineman, a tour of the State Capitol, a luncheon at the Governor's Mansion and an outing at the Lincoln Children's Zoo.

The contest winners were determined through online voting that involved five finalists from each grade.

"We're delighted that the art contest provides such a great opportunity for students to show their creativity and promote our state," Gale said.

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