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Children's Poster Art Contest Display at Douglas County Public Libraries

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The prize-winning and honorable mention posters from the Carson Valley Trails Association's "Hike for Health" Children's Poster Art Contest will be displayed at two Douglas County Public Library locations throughout the month of May. The subject of the posters is trails, nature and hiking for health.

The Minden Library, 1625 Library Lane, has the following posters on display:

- **Best of Show winner:** Kevin Roberts, senior, Douglas H.S.
- **4th – 6th grade winner:** Dominique Groffman, 4th grade, Piñon Hills Elementary
- **7th – 9th grade winner:** Amanda Nelson, 8th grade, Pau-Wa-Lu Middle School
- **1st – 3rd grade honorable mention:** Jessie Jin, 1st grade Gardnerville Elementary;
Haleigh Williams, 3rd grade, Gardnerville Elementary School
- **4th – 6th grade honorable mention:** Keith Becker, 5th grade, Piñon Hills Elementary
School; Katelin Didero Mills, 6th grade, Minden Elementary School
- **10th – 12th grade honorable mention:** Elysia Zusi-Russell, junior, Douglas H.S.; Heather
Lathrop, junior, Douglas H.S.

The Lake Tahoe Branch, 233 Warrior Way, Zephyr Cove, has the following posters on display:

- **1st – 3rd grade winner:** Kelsey Kjer, 3rd grade, Zephyr Cove Elementary
- **10th – 12th grade winner:** Wendy Barrientos, junior, George Whittell H.S.
- **1st – 3rd grade honorable mention:** Courtney Bobo, 3rd grade, Zephyr Cove Elementary
- **7th – 9th grade honorable mention:** Daisy Arellano, 9th grade, George Whittell H.S.;
Vianey Garcia, 9th grade, George Whittell High School
- **10th – 12th grade honorable mention:** Tiffani Costantini, senior, George Whittell H.S.

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“We are thrilled by the participation in our first Children’s Poster Art Contest,” said CVTA president Kerstin Wolle. “We hope these students have been inspired to go hiking with their friends and families as a result of creating their “Hike for Health” posters. Their poster slogans – “Hike for Your Heart,” “Any Body Can Hike,” “Hike for Health,” “For a Healthy Body...Take a Hike,” and “Take a Hike” are positive messages promoting a healthy lifestyle.”

The winners received their prizes at the Carson Valley Trails Association’s April 17 “Hike for Health” Celebration. All of the 322 posters entered in the contest were displayed at the event. The four first prize winners received backpacks filled with hiking supplies. The “Best of Show” winner received a \$100 cash prize. All contest participants received Certificates of Participation, either at the event or at their schools. Zephyr Cove Elementary School, which had the most poster contest entries, received \$250 for the school’s art program.

The Carson Valley Trails Association is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization. The mission of the organization is obtaining legal access to Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service trails and property for hiking, mountain biking and equestrian uses by the public. More information about the organization is available online at www.carsonvalleytrails.org.

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