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2026 Beth Bollas Clean and Green Lake County Art Contest Winners

PAINESVILLE, Ohio, April 28, 2026—The Lake County Solid Waste District and the Board of Lake County Commissioners are pleased to announce the winners of the 2026 Beth Bollas Clean and Green Lake County Art Contest. Area students were encouraged to design an original art piece showcasing the theme “Clean and Green Lake County,” promoting recycling and anti-littering education.

Formerly known as the Clean and Green Art Contest, the program was renamed this year in honor of Beth Bollas, who dedicated more than two decades to educational programming through The Ohio State University Extension in Lake County. Beth played a significant role in the contest over the years, inspiring students and contributing to their continued success.

The annual contest is held in conjunction with the Lake County Solid Waste District and The Ohio State University Extension and supports Clean and Green Lake County, an initiative celebrated around Earth Day that encourages residents to help clean and beautify their communities through recycling and environmental stewardship.

This year, 368 students from elementary, middle, and high schools across Lake County submitted original artwork. Entries were required to feature a recycling or anti-littering theme and include the words “Lake County.”

The 2026 division winners are:

Elementary School Division Winner: Lily Gale, 4th grade, Kirtland Elementary

Middle School Division Winner: Willow Osler, 8th grade, School of Innovation

High School Division Winner and Overall Winner: Caleb Priebe, 12th grade, Willoughby South High School



From the left: Commissioners Morris W. Beverage III, Lily Gale, Caleb Priebe, Willow Osler, Commissioner John T. Plecnik.

“As we recognize this year’s winners, we also honor the legacy of Beth Bollas, whose passion for education and environmental stewardship made a lasting impact on our community,” said Commission President Morris W. Beverage III. “This contest continues to inspire the next generation to take pride in keeping Lake County clean and green.”

“Thank you to all 368 students who participated in this year’s contest,” said Commissioner John T. Plecnik. “Your creativity and commitment to environmental awareness are commendable, and we are proud to support programs that engage our youth in meaningful ways.”

“The level of talent and effort displayed in this year’s submissions was outstanding,” added Commissioner Morgan R. McIntosh. “Congratulations to our winners and thank you for helping promote a cleaner, greener Lake County.”

Each of the division winners was honored during the Lake County Board of Commissioners meeting on April 28, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. and received a prize to support their artistic pursuits. The winners were also invited to take a commemorative photo with the Commissioners. Additionally, each winning student’s school will receive a framed poster recognizing their achievement.

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See below for entries of each division winner!

2026 Beth Bollas Clean and Green Lake County Logo Contest Winners

Overall Winner



Caleb Priebe

Willoughby South High School

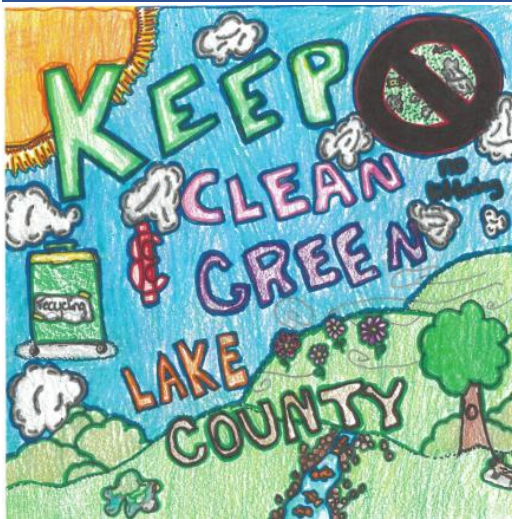
Grade 12

Middle School Division Winner



Willow Osler
School of Innovation
Grade 8

Elementary School Division Winner



Lily Gale
Kirtland Elementary School
Grade 4