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WINNERS OF AHPP-RADIO DISNEY 'HISTORIC MOMENT IN ARKANSAS' ESSAY INVITATIONAL ANNOUNCED

LITTLE ROCK-Students from Fayetteville and Pearcy were the top winners in the "Historic Moment in Arkansas" essay invitational, which was sponsored by the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program and Radio Disney, AHPP Director Frances McSwain announced today.

Ethan Robert Fox, a student at Lake Hamilton Middle School in Pearcy won first prize in the sixth and seventh grade bracket for his essay on Camp Clearfork and Charlton Recreation Area. Alyssa Tidwell of Holcomb Elementary School in Fayetteville won the fourth and fifth grade bracket with an essay on the Sager Cabin in Siloam Springs.

Second and third place winners in the sixth and seventh grade bracket were Morgan Warren of Atkins Middle School who wrote about the Atkins Pickle Plant and Charity Carmen Curlin of Ouachita Middle School at Donaldson, who wrote an essay about the Powhatan Jailhouse. Second and third place winners in the fourth and fifth grade bracket were Haley Hersant of Immaculate Conception School in North Little Rock, who wrote about Little Rock Central High School, and Jordan Whitmer of Harrison Middle School who wrote about the Lyric Theater in Harrison.

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The winners were selected from among 878 entries from students who submitted 500-word essays on historic Arkansas properties. Essays included information on the property's history, when and why it was built, and its current function. Radio Disney will present the top winners in each age bracket with an 8G Apple iPod and interviews with the winners will be broadcast on Radio Disney during December.

The AHPP is the agency of the Department of Arkansas Heritage responsible for identifying, evaluating, registering and preserving the state's cultural resources. Other agencies are the Arts Council, the Delta Cultural Center, the Old State House Museum, the Natural Heritage Commission, the Mosaic Templars Cultural Center and the Historic Arkansas Museum.