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Second Annual Happy Birthday, Kansas! Photo Contest

Kansans work and play every day in their communities. From family-owned auto shops to playgrounds in neighborhood parks and farm fields in the countryside, Kansans lead active lives. To provide a permanent record of their communities, Kansas students from first through 12th grade are encouraged to photograph people at work and play and enter the second annual Happy Birthday, Kansas! photo contest. The contest will be held May 4 through October 31, 2015. Winners will be announced as part of the state's 155th birthday commemoration at the Kansas State Capitol on January 29, 2016. Twelve first place and 12 second place prizes will be awarded. First place prizes are iPads; second place prizes are Kindles. For more information and a complete list of contest rules, visit happybirthdays.org.

The inaugural contest in 2014 drew more than 570 entries from 55 Kansas counties. Contest is sponsored by the Kansas legislative spouses in conjunction with the Kansas Historical Society.

The Kansas Historical Society is a state agency that operates the Kansas Museum of History, State Archives, Kansas State Capitol Visitor Center, and 16 state historic sites across Kansas.