

## Lakeview pupils win bike awards

COVENTRY — Four Lakeview Elementary School students received awards May 16 from their participation in a bicycle helmet safety challenge sponsored by the Akron law firm of Scanlon & Gearinger in recognition of May as American Bicycle Month.

The contest was conceived after one of the firm's attorneys, Mark Hilkert, fell while bicycling. He avoided serious injury as the helmet he was wearing cracked from front to back, absorbing the impact.

The bike and helmet winner at Lakeview was second grader Mary Miller. Helmet winners were Marty Ethington in grade 1, Jodi Schwaben in grade 3 and Lana Johnston, grade 3, who received the award on her birthday.

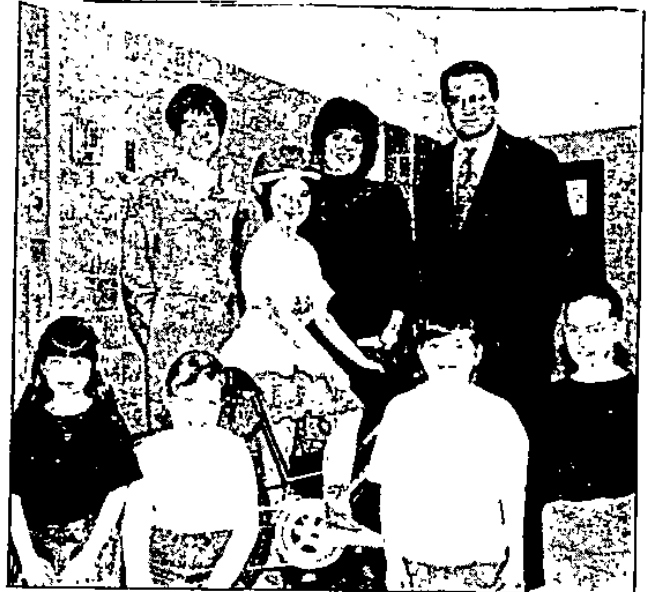
## Honor students at Turkeyfoot

COVENTRY — Four Turkeyfoot Elementary School students received awards May 10 from their participation in a bicycle helmet safety challenge sponsored by the Akron law firm of Scanlon & Gearinger in recognition of May as American Bicycle Month.

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Hilkert, fell while bicycling. He avoided serious injury as the helmet he was wearing cracked from front to back, absorbing the impact.

The bike and helmet winner at Turkeyfoot was fourth grader Nicole Phillips. Helmet winners were Adam Hellin in grade 1, Brittany Squires in grade 2 and Rory McCahan in grade 3.



Helmet winners at Nolley are Ashley Dilbeck (first grade), Megan Ave'Lailemant (second grade), Katie Knowles (third grade), and a tie in the fourth grade with Kyla Jindra and Jamie Knowles. Winner of the 24" all-terrain bike is Kyla Jindra. Attorneys pictured are Maura Scanlon and Bob Royer along with Nolley Principal Jackie Carpas.

## Nolley poets win with helmet safety contest

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Signal Reporter

Students at Nolley Elementary School participated in a bicycle helmet safety challenge sponsored by the law firm of Scanlon and Gearinger.

The contest invited grades 1-4 at Nolley to write a poem, rap or paragraph in the child's own words, explaining why it is important to wear a bicycle helmet when riding. Principal Jackie Carpas and the Nolley teachers embraced the idea because it encouraged children to internalize the need for safety.

Third and fourth graders did the poem as a classroom assignment, while first and second grade participation was optional. Entries were judged by attorneys and staff at the law firm for creativity, originality

and content.

One winner was chosen from each grade, and each winner received a bicycle helmet. From the four winners, one was chosen randomly to win a new bicycle.

The contest was conceived by the law firm after one of its attorneys, Mark Hilkert, fell while bicycling. He avoided serious injury because he was wearing a helmet. The helmet cracked from front to back, absorbing the impact of Hilkert's fall.

Out of that accident grew the idea to promote helmet safety and accident prevention among children and parents as a community service. The presentations take place at area schools in May, which is American Bike Month.

## Students receive bike safety honors

SPRINGFIELD — Seven Roosevelt Elementary School students received awards May 5 from their participation in a bicycle helmet safety challenge sponsored by the Akron law firm of Scanlon & Gearinger in recognition of May as American Bicycle Month.

The contest was conceived after one of the firm's attorneys, Mark Hilkert, fell while bicycling. He avoided serious injury as the helmet he was wearing cracked from front to back, absorb-

ing the impact.

The bike and helmet winner at Roosevelt was first grader Garrett Quinn. Helmet winners were Ashley Queen in grade 2, Robin Andrei in grade 3, Heather Flint in grade 4, Aaron Luton in grade 5 and Casandra Dupert in grade 6.

Special "People's Choice" award winner was fourth grader Bobi Cutlip, whose entry exceeded the 75-word limit, but was written in rap set to the "Beverly Hillsbillies" music.