

Shishmaref students' art contest

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Shishmaref Students Staying Straight is an organization whose concerns are drugs and alcohol abuse. The group was formed three years ago by high school students

who attended the Governor's Health and Safety Conference at Nome.

Last year was the first S.S.S.S. art contest. The prize money was donated by George Olanna, Sr., Joe Braach, Ray Butts, Mike Larson, Mark McAlister and Mike

Skelton. The art contest was open to all students in Shishmaref Schools. There was only one prize. Melissa Wesly won the contest and the \$120 prize money.

This year, Ray Butts, Joe Braach, Sandra and Russell Lewis and myself donated the prize money totaling \$120. The whole school from elementary to high school participated in the contest. Ray Butts announced the awards at the Thanksgiving Feast. Melissa Wesly, 12th grade, again took the first prize of \$60, second prize went to Wilsa Ahgupuk, 11th grade, of \$40 and the third prize went to Jason Weyiouanna, 11th grade, of \$20. Andrew Kakoona, 11th grade, received one six pack of pop for fourth place.

The purpose of the art contest is to involve all the students in alcohol and drug awareness.

The prize money depends on how much the teachers and staff donated. The first prize will be made into T-shirts according to Mr. Braach, principal.

Congratulations to the winners. I hope you will continue to support your group.