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Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles Selects Fourth Winner of “What’s on Your Plate?” Contest

COLUMBUS –The Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) has selected its fourth “What’s on Your Plate?” winner! As this quarter’s winner, Laurel Lewis will be featured on the BMV’s Web site, Facebook and Twitter pages. She will also receive a decorative license plate with the personalization of her choice.

In 1957, Laurel’s grandmother registered her car in her name. The license plate she was assigned was VX 944. When Laurel’s grandmother stopped driving in late 1970, she asked her daughter, Laurel’s mother, to please continue to use the plate VX 944. When Laurel’s mother stopped driving two years ago, she asked Laurel if she would continue the mother/daughter tradition. Laurel retold the story to her 21 year-old daughter and before she had the chance to finish, her daughter (with tears in her eyes) asked if she too could continue the tradition someday. Every time Laurel sees her plate, she thinks of her mother and grandmother and takes comfort knowing her daughter will feel the same way someday.



This quarter’s runner –up is Cheryl Vannoy. When Cheryl was 16 years old, she became an exchange student through an American Field Service program. She went to Geelong, Australia and lived with a family that consisted of a mother, father, and two sons for a year. Cheryl was their “first daughter.” She attended school while in Australia and has kept in touch with them over the years. She personalized her plate in honor of her host family. Cheryl will be returning to Australia to get married and her host father will walk her down the aisle, as both of Cheryl’s parents are deceased. Interestingly enough, her fiancé has

relatives that live only an hour away from her host family!

The BMV still wants to hear from you! If you have a unique personalized license plate, send a photo of you with your personalized license plate and a brief summary of how you chose your plate’s message. Email the photo and summary to Communications@dps.state.oh.us and you could be featured on BMV’s Facebook page and BMV’s official website. You could also win a decorative plate award with the personalization of your choice! Plates must be current and valid. Winners will be selected quarterly.