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Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department Announces Radon Poster Contest Winners

McCook – Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department (SWNPHD) announces their sixth annual local Radon Poster Contest winners.

“Congratulations to the 255 outstanding students that entered our radon poster contest,” shares Denise Ringenberg, Health Educator. “Our judges were very impressed with the originality, creativity and unique radon messages. We appreciate the talented students and dedicated teachers from five different schools that created these excellent posters.”

Judges selected the following posters in this highly competitive contest:

1st place – James Neel – 5th grade – McCook Central Elementary School

2nd place – Werner Winkel – 8th grade – Perkins County Middle School

3rd place – Kaydence Steinbeck – 5th grade – McCook Central Elementary School

4th place – Victor Schwartz – 5th grade – McCook Central Elementary School

5th place – Hailey Snyder – 8th grade – Perkins County Middle School

With so many exceptional posters submitted, we list our following winning posters in the *Top 25 category*:

Jessie Craig – 6th grade – Perkins County Middle School

Britney Hernandez – 5th grade – McCook Central Elementary School

Tanner Burge – 8th grade – Perkins County Middle School

Dylan Harvie – 5th grade – McCook Central Elementary School

Cole Thomas – 5th grade – McCook Central Elementary School

Issac Nielsen – 5th grade – McCook Central Elementary School



Terry Carlson – 6th grade – Hitchcock County Elementary School
 Katie Patrick – 8th grade – Perkins County Middle School
 Morgan Turner – 8th grade – Perkins County Middle School
 Emilio Perez – 8th grade – Perkins County Middle School
 Samuel McArtor – 7th grade – Perkins County Middle School
 Riley Bortner – 5th grade – McCook Central Elementary School
 Maxwell Weimer – 5th grade - McCook Central Elementary School
 Jadalyn Berry – 5th grade - McCook Central Elementary School
 Brenden Pankonin – 7th grade – Perkins County Middle School
 Keira Wasenius – 4th grade – Southern Valley Elementary School
 Jeylynne Chavez – 4th grade – Southern Valley Elementary School
 Emerson Swanson – 4th grade – Arapahoe Elementary School
 Alese Williams – 4th grade – Southern Valley Elementary School
 Britnee McKinney – 6th grade – Hitchcock County Elementary School



Posters will be displayed in the windows of McCook Abstract at 318 Norris Avenue through the month of November, except the top three posters sent to the state contest. Perkins County Middle School posters will be displayed at the Grant Senior Center, except for those in the Top 25.

Poster judges were: Camy Bradley, McCook Abstract & Title Company; Mary Kircher, McCook Economic Development Corporation Housing; Jill Morgan, Gateway Realty; Sarah Schneider, Kjendal Photography; Shannon Woitaszewski, Golden Plains Realty; and SWNPHD staff members.

The goal of the poster contest is to raise awareness about the dangers of radon. As the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States, radon is not well known. It is a colorless, odorless and tasteless gas that enters homes and buildings through the soil and cannot be detected unless it is tested. In Nebraska, one out of every two homes tested has a high radon level (above 4.0 pCi/L).

An additional Top 60 posters list and photos of award winners can be found on our website at www.swhealth.ne.gov. To request a listing email educate@swhealth.ne.gov or call Denise Ringenberg at 308-345-4223. SWNPHD is located at 404 West 10th Street, McCook – one block north of Arby's. You can also follow us on Facebook & Twitter.

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