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Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department Announces Radon Poster Contest Winners

McCook – Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department (SWNPHD) announces their 11th annual Radon Poster Contest winners. This year’s contest included two age groups and was open to children ages 9 to 14 years old.

“The radon poster contest encourages students to learn more about radon and its negative health effects,” explains Joy Trail, Program Manager. “It is fun to see the new poster designs produced each year by the students.” Winners were presented with prizes by Trail and Program Manager Helena Janousek, who congratulated them on helping to educate their community about the dangers of radon.

Judges selected the following posters:

Ages 9 to 10

- 1st – Jackie Sattler, Central Elementary
- 2nd – Lailah Swanson, Hitchcock County Elementary
- 3rd – Aiden Kane, Dundy County-Stratton Elementary

Ages 11 to 14

- 1st – Riley Hagan, Hitchcock County Elementary
- 2nd – Hailey Lynn, Hitchcock County Elementary
- 3rd – Dylan Kollmorgen, Hitchcock County Elementary
- 4th – Libby Cole, Perkins County Middle School
- 5th – Maddox Lee, Perkins County Middle School
- 6th – Raegan Hagan, Hitchcock County Elementary

Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States. It is a colorless, odorless and tasteless gas that enters homes and buildings and cannot be detected unless it is tested. In Nebraska, 1 out of 2 homes test high for radon, Do-it –yourself test kits are available at SWNPHD offices or by mail for a small fee.

Photos of top posters can be found on the website at www.swhealth.ne.gov and on Facebook and Twitter. The health department serves Chase, Dundy, Hayes, Hitchcock, Frontier, Furnas, Keith, Perkins and Red Willow counties. SWNPHD is located at 404 West 10th Street, McCook – one block north of Arby’s, and 501 Broadway, Imperial.

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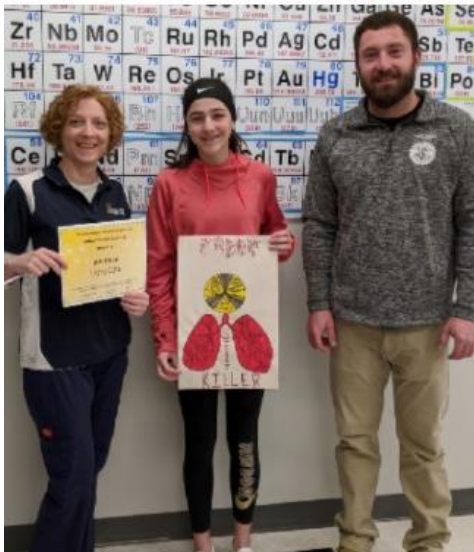


Hitchcock County Winners
 Pictured left to right: Joy Trail of SWNPHD, Riley Hagan, Hailey Lynn, Dylan Kollmorgen, Lailah Swanson, and Teacher Lori Smith. Not pictured: Raegan Hagan.



Red Willow County Winner
 Pictured left to right: Teacher Caitlyn Winkler, Jackie Sattler, Joy Trail.

Dundy County Winner
 Pictured left to right: Joy Trail, Aiden Kane. Not pictured: Teacher Anita Marin.



Perkins County Winners
 Pictured left to right: Joy Trail, Libby Cole, and Teacher Seth Burge. Not pictured: Maddox Lee.

