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Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department Announces Radon Poster Contest Winners

McCook – Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department (SWNPHD) announces their 10th annual Radon Poster Contest winners. This year's contest included three 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 health effects," explains Helena Janousek, Program Manager. "It is fun to see the new poster designs each year produced by the students." Winners were presented with prizes by Janousek and Program Assistant Joy Trail, who congratulated them on helping to educate their community about the dangers of radon.

Judges selected the following posters:

Ages 9 to 10

- 1st – Riley Hagan, Hitchcock County Elementary
- 2nd – (tie) Esperanza Bueno, McCook Central Elementary
- 2nd – (tie) Dylan Kollmorgen, Hitchcock County Elementary
- 3rd – Lissy Sandall, McCook Central Elementary

Ages 11 to 12

- 1st – Eden Lozano, Stratton Elementary
- 2nd – Asa Long, McCook Central Elementary
- 3rd – Hannah Huff, McCook Central Elementary

Ages 13 to 14 -- All from Perkins County Schools

- 1st – Dayami Ruiz Vazquez
- 2nd – Kailee Potts
- 3rd – Mallory McClenahan

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. 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. SWNPHD is located at 404 West 10th Street, McCook – one block north of Arby's, and 501 Broadway, Imperial.

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