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Radon Poster Contest Winners

McCook – Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department (SWNPHD) announces their 13th annual Radon Poster Contest winners. The fall contest entries were judged in December and presentations were held in January for Radon Action Month. The contest 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. “We always enjoy seeing the creativity and humor displayed in the radon posters made each year by students in southwest Nebraska.” Winners were presented with prizes in person and by mail. SWNPHD and their teachers congratulated them on helping to educate their community about the dangers of radon and how to reduce their risk of lung cancer.

Judges selected the following posters:

Ages 9 to 10

- 1st – Galilea Aguirre, St Patrick Elementary
- 2nd – Jediah Crawford, St Patrick Elementary
- 3rd – Samuel Siegfried, St Patrick Elementary
- 4th – Gram Konecky, Chase County Schools
- 5th – Autumn Sutton, Dundy County Stratton Elementary

Ages 11 to 12

- 1st – Hayden Worth, Chase County Schools
- 2nd – Violet Sparrow, Chase County Schools
- 3rd – Maddison Ruppert, Hitchcock County Elementary
- 4th – Gabriella Schaufenbuel, Chase County Schools
- 5th – Aiden Kane, Dundy County Stratton Elementary

Ages 13 to 14

- 1st – A. Costrini, Kavod Adonai Homeschool

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 local hardware stores or online at radon.com.

More information about radon can be found on the website at www.swhealth.ne.gov and on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. SWNPHD serves Chase, Dundy, Hayes, Hitchcock, Frontier, Furnas, Keith, Perkins, and Red Willow counties. SWNPHD is located at 404 West 10th Street, McCook.

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