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Radon Poster Contest Winners

The Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department (SWNPHD) announces their 16th annual Radon Poster Contest winners. Students aged 9 to 14 made posters about the hazards of radon gas, which is the second leading cause of cancer. Entries were judged in December and presentations were held at four schools in January for Radon Action Month.

“The radon poster contest offers a fun opportunity for students to understand the elevated radon levels we face here in Nebraska and the actions we can take to address it,” says Hunter York, Program Manager at SWNPHD. “The creativity displayed by the students is impressive. We extend our congratulations to all participants for their efforts in educating our communities about the dangers of radon and ways to lower the risk of lung cancer.”

Posters will be displayed on social media, on website (starting February 12th) and on McCook LED sign at 404 West 10th Street.

Judges selected the following posters:

Ages 9 to 10

1 st Place- Henry Nothnagel	St. Patrick School
2 nd Place- Kensington Schoenemann	St. Patrick School
3 rd Place- Ade Kisker	Hitchcock County Elementary

Ages 11 to 12

1 st Place- Dakota Top	Hitchcock County Elementary
2 nd Place- Ethan Kling	Ogallala Middle School
3 rd Place- Paisley Poppert	Hitchcock County Elementary

Ages 13-14

1 st Place- Maccoy Morken	Ogallala Middle School
2 nd Place- Olivia Jehorek	Ogallala Middle School
3 rd Place- Sam Bell	Ogallala Middle School

Radon is a colorless, odorless, and tasteless gas that can infiltrate homes and buildings, making it undetectable without testing. In Nebraska, half of all homes have elevated radon levels. Winter is an ideal time for radon testing, and there are simple do-it-yourself test kits that offer accuracy

comparable to professional assessments. Residents of the nine-county health district can obtain free radon test kits from SWNPHD.

For more information on radon testing call Hunter York at 308-345-4223. The Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department serves nine counties including Chase, Dundy, Frontier, Furnas, Hayes, Hitchcock, Keith, Perkins, and Red Willow counties. Our website, swhealth.ne.gov, contains many resources and additional information that are helpful to prevent disease, promote healthy habits, and protect health. Follow SWNPHD on Facebook, You Tube and Instagram.

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