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Radon Poster Contest Winners

Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department (SWNPHD) announces their 14th annual Radon Poster Contest winners. The fall contest entries were judged in December and presentations were held at participating schools in January for Radon Action Month. The contest was open to children ages 9 to 14 years old.

“The radon poster contest is a fun way for students to learn more about the high levels of radon we have here in Nebraska and what can be done about it,” explains Joy Trail, Radon Program Manager at SWNPHD. “The students are very creative. Our congratulations go to all of them for helping to educate our communities about the dangers of radon and how to reduce the risk of lung cancer.”

Judges selected the following posters:

Ages 9 to 10

1st Place Anna McNair, Chase County Schools
2nd Place Leonardo Ballesteros, Chase County Schools
3rd Place Joslyn Kollmorgen, Hitchcock County Schools

Ages 11 to 12

1st Place Amelia Russell, Chase County Schools
2nd Place Maria Adle, Chase County Schools
3rd Place Ari Wenzlick, Chase County Schools

Ages 13 to 14

1st Place Lucy Schlake, Ogallala Middle School
2nd Place Jessa Hughes, Ogallala Middle School
3rd Place Eva Draucker, Ogallala Middle School

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 as accurate as professional testing and are available at local hardware stores. They are also available online with links to credible sites on the health department website.

More information about radon can be found on the website at swhealth.ne.gov and on Facebook and Instagram. SWNPHD serves Chase, Dundy, Hayes, Hitchcock, Frontier, Furnas, Keith, Perkins, and Red Willow counties. Call (308) 345-4223, one number three locations, McCook, Imperial, and Ogallala.

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