



“Congratulations to the 312 outstanding students that entered our radon poster contest,” shares Denise Ringenberg, Health Educator. “This is the largest number of entries in our history. We appreciate the talented students and dedicated teachers from nine different schools that created these excellent posters.”

Judges selected the following posters in this highly competitive contest:

First place—Claire Maaliao—eighth grade - Perkins County Middle School; second place—Jaden Dietlein—sixth grade—Perkins County Middle School; third place—JoAnn Neel—seventh grade—McCook Junior High School; fourth place—Sunny Sramek—sixth grade—Hitchcock County Schools; fifth place—Felicity Petty—eighth grade—Victory Christian Academy in McCook.

With so many exceptional posters submitted, we added an honorable mention category.

Cord Frink—fourth grade—Arapahoe Elementary School; Landon Towne —fifth grade—McCook Central Elementary School; Kori Uerling—fifth grade—McCook Central Elementary School; Ashley Briggs—eighth grade—Perkins County Middle School; Laura Dreiling—seventh grade—Perkins County Middle School; Tyler Thelander—eighth grade—Perkins County Middle School; Morgan Turner—6th grade—Perkins County Middle School; Taylor Turner—seventh grade—Perkins County Middle School; Bailey Wood—eighth grade—Perkins County Middle School; Makayla Schoen—fourth grade—Southern Valley Schools.

Posters will be displayed in the windows at 318 Norris Avenue in McCook through the month of November, except the top five posters sent to the state contest.

Poster judges were: Camy Bradley, McCook Abstract & Title Company; Phyllis Graham, Edward Jones Investments; Melanie Goodenberger, Golden Plains Realty and Melanie Jones-Wier, DDS, Bison Dental and SWNPHD board member.

The goal of the poster contest is to raise awareness about the dangers of radon. As the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States, radon is not well known. It is a colorless, odorless and tasteless gas that enters homes and buildings through the soil and cannot be detected unless it is tested.

In Nebraska, one out of every two homes tested has a high radon level (above 4.0 pCi/L).

An additional Top 30 posters list and photos of award winners can be found on the website at

www.swhealth.ne.gov. To request a listing email educate@swhealth.ne.gov or call Denise Ringenberg at 308-345-4223.



