

Local students selected as winners in Scott SWCD 'Conservation Habits = Healthy Habitat' contest

More than 330 entries were received in this year's Scott Soil and Water Conservation District's Poster/Essay/Mural/Video Contest. The theme of the 2010 contest was "Conservation Habits = Healthy Habitats." Students used a variety of approaches for the entries they created. Some displayed tips on ways to protect the environment and the wildlife that call it home, while others showed off their creativity through artwork, video filming or written essays. Many of the posters depicted the students' love for the outdoors, animals and nature.

"Our natural resources are very important to us here in Scott County," explained Diane Hrabe, Communications Specialist with the Scott SWCD in Jordan. "In this contest, it is a wonderful opportunity for the District to educate the students on the importance of making good conservation choices in our lives and to talk about ways they can protect and renew our natural resources." Presentations on this year's theme were given to more than 400 students. Cash awards from the Scott SWCD in Jordan were given to the top entries in all four categories. For further information on this contest, contact Diane Hrabe, (952) 492-5416.



EAGLE VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ELKO NEW MARKET

Eagle View Elementary School fifth graders captured the top three honors with their murals in this year's contest. Team winners include (left to right) Makayla Rocheford, daughter of Jamie and Kirk Rocheford, and Abby Vivant, daughter of Molly and Jeffrey Vivant, first place; Alyssa Rhoten, daughter of Brenda and Richard Rhoten, and Lexi Johnson, daughter of Denise and Thomas Johnson, third place; and Krista Schumacher, daughter of Amy Schumacher and Cal Schumacher, and Morgan Carlton, daughter of Molly and Jason Carlton, second place.



FIVE HAWKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRIOR LAKE

Five Hawks Elementary School students in Prior Lake dominated in the video category, taking three of the four top honors with their home-produced entries. Winners include (left to right) the team of Mason Fischer, son of Brenda and James Fischer, and Griffin Luick, son of Jennifer and Doug Luick, first place; Austin Murr, son of Tammy and Todd Murr, second place; and Jenna Harju, daughter of Michelle and Timo Harju and Kim Harju, and Christina Laridaen, daughter of Tom and Kathy Laridaen, honorable mention.



**JORDAN MIDDLE SCHOOL
JORDAN**

Ricka Edwards, a fifth grader at Jordan Middle School received honorable mention honors with her poster in the contest. She is the daughter of Heidi and Scott Edwards.



**OAK CREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
BELLE PLAINE**

Oak Crest Elementary School students in Belle Plaine were among the winners with their poster and mural entries. They include (left to right) Jenna Gatz, daughter of Kayla Gatz and Paul Gatz, first place in the poster category; Abby Meger, daughter of Mary Sue and Jerry Meger, second place in the poster category; and the team of Bella Goldstein, daughter of Jeff Goldstein and Theresa Turner, and Haley Johnson, daughter of Jasen and Heather Johnson, honorable mention in the mural category.



**SUN PATH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
SHAKOPEE**

Sun Path Elementary School fifth graders in Shakopee placed at the top with their entries too. Winners include (left to right) Christine Monjoseph, daughter of Olga and Andrey Monjoseph, second place in the poster category; the team of Maddie Murphy, daughter of Mike and Kerry Murphy, and Alys Janke, daughter of John and Stephanie Janke, third place in the video category; and Moushumi Sahu, daughter of Banasree (Lita) and Ajita Sahu, first place in the essay category.