

Tri-County Soil Judging Contest - October 15, 2009

The Polk County Land & Water Resources Dept. hosted the 35th Annual Tri-County Soil Judging Contest, which is sponsored by the Land Conservation Committees of Burnett, Washburn and Polk Counties. The cold and snowy weather of October 15th didn't deter 115 students, as they evaluated the soil and surrounding land, defined texture, structure, drainage and production capabilities and completed score cards regarding the soils at each pit.

This event would not be successful without the cooperation of teachers, and help from the host farm and the agencies involved. Thanks to Burnett and Washburn counties, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and to Dave and Carolyn Peterson for allowing their farm land to be used for the competition pit sites.



First Place Team – Unity #2

(l-r) Reid Binfet, Mike Johnson, Jared Peper, not pictured Mitchell Johnston



Second Place Team – Shell Lake Team #1

(l-r) Jacke Brown, Johannah Feeney, Paige Klassa, David Smith and Kathryn Keinholtz, Polk Co. Land Conservation Committee member



Third Place Team – Unity #1

(l-r) Calvin Zygowicz, Joe Grovum, Kellie Montpetit, Monique Slate



Top Individual Scores:

1st Place thru 8th is (l to r): Calvin Zygowicz, Mitchell Johnston(not pictured), Paige Klassa, Reid Binfet, Jacke Brown, Tom Helstern, Jeremy Franko,

Individual Team winners were:

- 1st place: Calvin Zygowicz, Unity #1, 296 points
- 2nd place: Mitchell Johnston, Unity #2, 281 points
- 3rd place: Paige Klassa, Shell Lake #1, 279 points
- 4th place: Reid Binfet, Unity #2, 273 points
- 5th place: Jacke Brown, Shell Lake #1, 270 points
- 6th place: Tom Helstern, Shell Lake #2, 269 points
- 7th place: Jeremy Franko, Clear Lake #1, 268 points
- 8th place: Kaina Zygowicz, Unity, 263 points