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## **SOUTHWEST WISCONSIN LAND JUDGING CONTEST**

The 2021 Southwest Wisconsin Land Judging Contest was held Thursday, October 14, at the farm owned by Marvin and Linda Delzer, just north of Attica. This contest is co-hosted by the Green, Grant, and Lafayette Land and Water Conservation Departments. Those participating were from: Black Hawk, Burlington, Cuba City, Fennimore, Juda, Lancaster, Monticello, Pecatonica, Potosi, and River Ridge. A total of 105 students participated in the contest.

The students reviewed four soil pits and evaluated soil properties, estimated slope, ranked land classes, and recommended conservation practices in the contest. Two pits were located on drier uplands and two pits in wet bottomland. Soils ranged from silt loams to silty clay loams to loamy sands.

The individual results are as follows, with their scores out of a possible 400.

1.	Gabe Nelson	Black Hawk	312
2.	Sara Brokopp	Monticello	311
3.	Bryor Clark	River Ridge	311
4.	Alex Roe	Monticello	307
5.	Ian Schwartzlow	Monticello	302
6.	Sydney Recker	Potosi	302
7.	Natalie Edge	Potosi	300
8.	Spencer Steiger	River Ridge	296
9.	Logan Drone	River Ridge	295
10.	Levi Groom	Potosi	293

The team results are as follows, with their scores out of a possible 1200.

1.	Monticello	903
2.	River Ridge	902
3.	Potosi	889
4.	Black Hawk	889
5.	Juda	786

Jeff Deniger, Soil Scientist, of the Natural Resources Conservation Service was the official judge of the contest.