

## **LAFAYETTE COUNTY HOSTS 2022 SOUTHWEST WISCONSIN LAND JUDGING CONTEST**

On Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, the 2022 Southwest Wisconsin Land Judging Contest was held on farmland owned by Brock & Erica Sauer just south of Darlington. This annual contest is sponsored by the Land & Water Conservation Departments from Grant, Green and Lafayette Counties. Those who participated were from the following schools: Belmont, Blackhawk, Cuba City, Dodgeville, Fennimore, Juda, Lancaster, Monticello, Potosi, Prairie du Chien, Shullsburg and Wauzeka-Stueben. A total of 133 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. Three pits were located on gentle to moderate slopes with varying degrees of erosion and subsoil types and one pit was located in a wet bottomland. The type of topsoil of all pits were silt loams with varying subsoil types.

Individual results, with possible scores of 400, with the top 5 winning award plaques.

1 <sup>st</sup>	Sydney Recker	Potosi	343
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Alex Roe	Monticello	319
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Aiden Uppena	Potosi	315 (tie breaker winner)
4 <sup>th</sup>	Wesley Winch	Fennimore	315
5 <sup>th</sup>	Tyson Gehrke	Fennimore	314 (tie breaker winner)
6 <sup>th</sup>	Derek Schwartzlow	Monticello	314
7 <sup>th</sup>	Beau Bredeson	Blackhawk	308
8 <sup>th</sup>	Sadie Torgerson	Prairie du Chien	298
9 <sup>th</sup>	Jamin Crapp	Lancaster	296
10 <sup>th</sup>	Teegan Grizwald	Fennimore	286

Team results, with possible scores of 1200, with the top 3 winning award plaques.

1 <sup>st</sup>	Monticello	917
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Fennimore	906
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lancaster	862
4 <sup>th</sup>	Potosi	860
5 <sup>th</sup>	Prairie du Chien	821

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

Special thank you for UW-Extension Lafayette County staff for their support with helping preparing contest materials and allowing the use of their tables.

Another special thank you to Ritchie Implement in Darlington and Fred Blackburn & Sons in Shullsburg for the donation of pallets used in the competition.

For more pictures visit:

[www.lafayettecountywi.org/lcpz/page/southwest-wisconsin-land-judging-competition](http://www.lafayettecountywi.org/lcpz/page/southwest-wisconsin-land-judging-competition)



1<sup>st</sup> Place Team (Monticello) from left to right:  
Derek Schwartzlow, Peyton Smith, Sadie Wilkins and Alex Roe



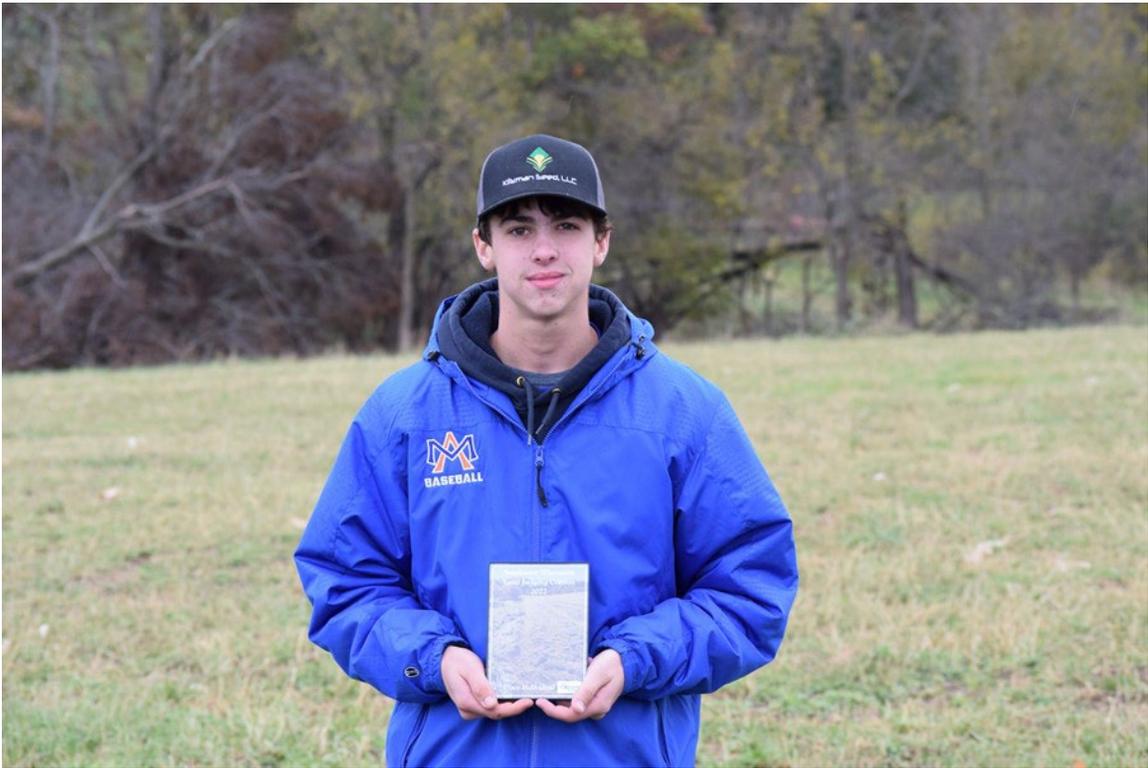
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Team (Fennimore) from left to right:  
Wesley Winch, Noah Foreyt and Tyson Gehrke



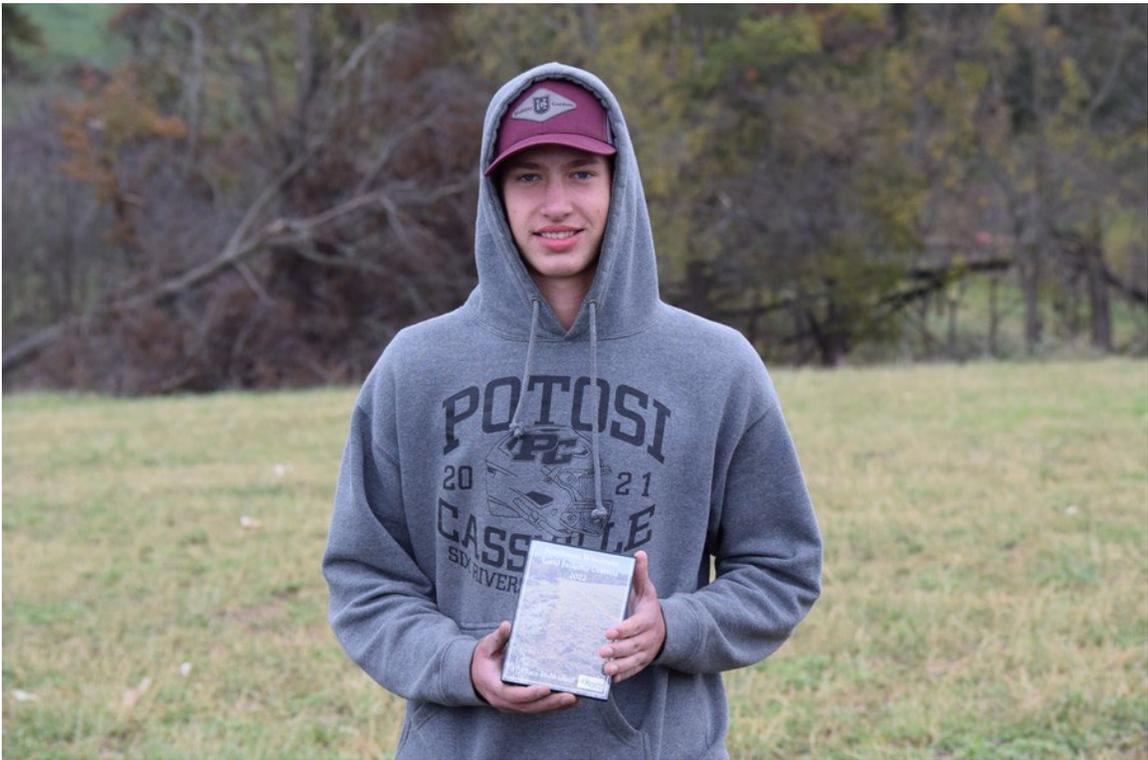
3<sup>rd</sup> Place Team (Lancaster) from left to right:  
Jackson VanNatta, Connor Raisbeck, Will Bussan and Jamin Crapp



1<sup>st</sup> Place Individual: Sydney Recker (Potosi)



2<sup>nd</sup> Place Individual: Alex Roe (Monticello)



3<sup>rd</sup> Place Individual: Aiden Uppena (Potosi)



4<sup>th</sup> Place Individual: Wesley Winch (Fennimore)



5<sup>th</sup> Place Individual: Tyson Gehrke (Fennimore)