

CLEAR SPRING WINS 2018 WASHINGTON COUNTY ENVIROTHON



The 2018 Washington County Envirothon was held April 20, 2018, at the Washington County Public Schools Headquarters in Hagerstown, MD. Five school teams from Clear Spring, Hancock, and Smithsburg and one alternate team were on hand for the competition. Students were tested with hands-on activities in soil science, aquatics, forestry, wildlife, and “WESTERN RANGELAND MANAGEMENT AND PASTURE MANAGEMENT”.

Wooden plaques were presented for the top score in each area of study and each of the teams with the top three overall scores received a framed wildlife print for school display. The top team overall also gets the trophy to display for one year. Ms. Linda Murray, WCBQE, Dr. Boyd Michael, WCPS, and Mr. Elmer Weibley, WCSCD, presented the awards for the overall first, second, and third place teams.

The Clear Spring Trailblazers placed first in the competition and also took top honors in Soils and Aquatics. The team will travel to the Maryland State Envirothon at Western Maryland 4H Camp in Garrett County, Thursday, June 14th and Friday, June 15th, 2018.

Team members, spent many hours preparing for the event and are looking forward to representing Washington County at the State level of competition. Clear Spring Envirothon coach Elizabeth Rohrer is very proud of their team’s performance at this year’s event. Team members were: Rachel Corwell, Jacob Blickenstaff, Hailey Booth, Taylor Thomas, and Cole Hixon.

The Hancock FFA placed second at the event. Team members were: Hayden Norris, Trevor Naylor, Clayton Smith, Tyler Lipinski, and Cara Trembly. They also placed first in Wildlife and Forestry.

The Alternate Team placed third at the event. This team was comprised of alternate team members from both Clear Spring and Hancock just placed together as a single team the morning of the event. The team also placed first in the 5th issue. Team members were: Emmitt Hammond (CSHS), Kelsey Ross (CSHS), and Caitlynn Cabbage (Hancock FFA).

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2018 WASHINGTON COUNTY ENVIROTHON WINNERS

1st Place Winners – Clear Spring High School – Trailblazers



Left to Right

Rachel Corwell, Jacob Blickenstaff, Linda Murray (WCBOE), Hailey Booth, Taylor Thomas, and Cole Hixon,
(Coach Elizabeth Rohrer not pictured))

2nd Place Winners – Hancock FFA



Left to Right

Hayden Norris, Trevor Naylor, Linda Murray (WCBOE), Clayton Smith, Tyler Lipinski, and Cara Trembly,
(Coach Tom Mazzone not pictured)

3rd Place Winners – Alternate Team (Clear Spring HS & Hancock HS)



Left to Right

Emmitt Hammond (CSHS), Kelsey Ross (CSHS), Linda Murray (WCBOE), and
Caitlynn Cabbage (Hancock FFA), Elmer Weibley (WCSCD)
(Coaches Elizabeth Rohrer (CSHS) and Tom Mazzone (Hancock FFA) not pictured)