CLEAR SPRING WINS 2019 WASHINGTON COUNTY ENVIROTHON



The 2019 Washington County Envirothon was held April 12, 2019, at the Washington County Public Schools Headquarters in Hagerstown, MD. Nine school teams from Boonsboro, Clear Spring, Hancock, Smithsburg, and Washington County Technical High School were on hand for the competition. Students were tested with hands-on activities in soil science, aquatics, forestry, wildlife, and "Agriculture and the Environment: Knowledge & Technology to Feed the World".

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. Mr. Steven Garland, WCPS, Mr. Robert Burkhart, WCPS, and Mr. Elmer Weibley, WCSCD, presented the awards for the overall first, second, and third place teams.

The Clear Spring High School FFA placed first in the competition. The team also took top honors in All 5 test areas. The team will travel to the Maryland State Envirothon on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 through Thursday, June 20, 2019 at Saint Mary's College of Maryland in Saint Mary's County, MD.

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 Tom Mazzone is very proud of his team's performance at this year's event. Team members were: Katie Toms, Tanner Harshman, Cole Hixon, Hailey Booth, and Rachel Corwell.

The Boonsboro High School Agriscience 3 team placed second at the event. Team members were: Rebecca Bauer, Alex Leadingham, Helen Leadingham, Olivia DeBaugh, and Zoe Glauser. They also placed second in Wildlife, Soils, Forestry, and 5th Issue.

The Boonsboro High School Agriscience 1 team placed third at the event. Team members were: Riley Simmons, Sean Colmenar, Camdon Bane, Bryan Duft, Logan Aufdem Brinke, and A. J Edelen. The team also placed second in the 5th Aquatics.

The Washington County Envirothon is an educational outreach program of the Washington County Soil Conservation District in cooperation with the Washington County Public Schools. Staff from the Washington County Soil Conservation District, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, University of Maryland Cooperative Extension Service, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation, and the Maryland Department of Agriculture, provided resource professionals for training and testing of participants. Financial support comes from The Washington County Soil Conservation District, Washington County Public Schools, Ecotone, Inc., Clean Earth, Inc., Washington County Farm Bureau, Inc., Don Spickler Insurance, LLC., Fox & Associates, Inc., Frederick, Seibert, and Associates, Inc., Mid-Atlantic Farm Credit, A. C. & T., Albright, Crumbacker, Moul, & Itell, LLC., C. R. Semler, Inc., Huntzberry Brothers, Inc., Ridge & Valley Forestry, Willard Agri-Service, Inc., Clipp Farms, James Reed Excavating, and Penn Jersey Products.

2019 WASHINGTON COUNTY ENVIROTHON WINNERS



1st Place Winners - Clear Spring High School - Clear Spring High School FFA

Left to Right

Steven Garland (WCPS), Katie Toms, Tanner Harshman, Cole Hixon, Hailey Booth, Rachel Corwell, Robert Burkhart (WCPS) (Coach Tom Mazzone – not pictured)

2nd Place Winners – Boonsboro High School Agriscience 3



<u>Left to Right</u> Steven Garland (WCPS), Rebecca Bauer, Alex Leadingham, Helen Leadingham, Olivia DeBaugh, Robert Burkhart (WCPS), Zoe Glauser (Coach Dane Grossnickle not pictured)

3rd Place Winners – Boonsboro High School Agriscience 1



Left to Right Steven Garland (WCPS), Riley Simmons, Sean Colmenar, Camdon Bane, Bryan Duft, Logan Aufdem Brinke, and A. J Edelen, Robert Burkhart (WCPS) (Coach Dane Grossnickle – not pictured)