



The top three entries for the 2025 Conservation Art Contest from Green County Primary School were Preslee Ward - county runner-up, Milo Walker and Heidi Benton.



The top three entries for the 2025 Conservation Art Contest from the Green County Intermediate School were Audrey Pruitt, Abigail Patterson, and Blakelee Wheat- county winner.

Winners announced in 2026 Jim Claypool Conservation Art & Writing Contest

The Green County Conservation District is proud to announce the winners of the 2025 Jim Claypool Conservation Art & Writing Contests. The theme of the contest was "Kentucky WETLANDS Up Close" in which the participants learn about and understand Kentucky's wetland ecosystems. This contest was produced as a partnership between Kentucky Farm Bureau and the Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts. The purpose of the contest is to make the students more aware of their environment and natural resources.

Writing Contest is Hadley Olt. Hadley is a 7th grade student at Green County Middle School. Sixth grade student, Asher Stearman, is the county runner-up.

The County Winner of the Jim Claypool Conservation Art Contest is Blakelee Wheat. Blakelee is in the fourth grade at Green County Intermediate School. Green County Primary second grade student, Preslee Ward, is the county runner-up.

A total of 3 participated in the county writing contest and 402 participated in the county art contest.

The County Winner of the Conservation

The school winners are listed below.

Writing Contest
Green County Middle School
Top 3 Entries
Hadley Olt - County Winner;
Asher Stearman - County Runner-up
Lydia Sallee

Art Contest
Green County Intermediate School
Top 3 Entries
Blakelee Wheat - County Winner
Audrey Pruitt
Abigail Patterson

Green County Primary School
Preslee Ward - County Runner-Up
Heidi Benford
Milo Walker



The top three entries for the 2025 Conservation Writing Contest were Asher Stearman, county runner-up, Hadley Olt, county winner and Lydia Sallee.

4-H Speech & Demonstration

Green County Extension Agent for 4-H Youth Development

Sue Ann McCandless

When standing in front of 5th grade students last month, I admitted that I do not enjoy speaking in front of a group. The students seemed astonished to know that I too struggle with all of the anxieties of public speaking. I explained to them that getting out of our comfort zone helps us all to grow and develop those essential skills, like communications.

4-H provides opportunities for students to grow these skills in a safe environment through finding a sense of belonging with other 4-Hers and mentors that have common interests. Public speaking is a component of many 4-H events and by participating in these events, 4-H youth will gain confidence, organizational skills and composure to become the influential leaders of tomorrow.

Youth are encouraged to give it a try with our upcoming Green County 4-H Speech and Demonstration contest on Monday, March 30th at 4:00 pm CT. Youth can deliver a speech on any topic they find interesting. Youth may also choose to do a demonstration to teach someone step by step how to do something. Both events will teach valuable skills through doing research on their

topic, composing their talking points and using creative techniques to captivate their audience through their presentation. Youth may enter either the speech or demonstration category, or both.

Participants that win their divisions at the county contest will earn \$75 that can be used to attend 4-H camp or another 4-H activity as well as the right to compete at the area contest on April 30th at the Taylor County Extension Office. Winners from the area competition will advance to the state contest this summer.

Speech rules are as follows:

Age levels for the Junior Speech division are 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13; Senior Speech division age levels are 14, 15, 16 and 17-18. 4-H age is determined by the members age as of Jan. 1, 2025.

Speech times should be 3-5 minutes for juniors and 5-7 minutes for seniors.

No visual aids for speeches are allowed. Participants may use note cards.

Demonstration rules: Demonstrations will be judged in two categories: Junior (ages 9-13) and Senior (ages 14-18).

Demonstrations are limited to 5-15 minutes.

No live animals are permitted. Team demonstrations are allowed.

There is a digital media presentation option as well.

Our country ham project participants

are required to present a speech at the state fair competition in August. These youth will also compete at the county competition and are given the option to present their country ham speech or a speech on another topic.

The registration deadline is March 23. To register for the contest or for information, contact the Green County

Extension Office at 270-932-5311 or email sue.ann.loyall@uky.edu

Community members may get involved in our speech and demonstration contest too! We are looking for judges for both our speech and demonstration contests. If you would be willing to serve in that role, please contact the Extension Office at 270-932-5311.



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