



Soil speech contest winners

Kevin Thompson, Vinton, second from right, won the 1976 Benton County Soil Conservation Speech Contest. Lynn Rieck, Luzerne, placed second. With the winners are John "Dick" Schild, left, chairman of the Benton County Soil

Conservation Commission, and Harry Horak, who represented Eden Mutual Insurance in making an award presentation to the winner.

Kevin Thompson wins Benton Soil Conservation speech contest

TIMESNEWS—The Benton County Soil Conservation District and its environmental education committee held the annual conservation speech contest last Thursday at the district office in Vinton.

Winner of the contest was Kevin Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Thompson. Kevin lives with his sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Herger of

rural Vinton. Second place was awarded to Lynn Rieck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Rieck of rural Luzerne. Harry Horak, representing Eden Mutual Insurance, awarded prizes to the winners.

This year's topic was "Soil Conservation—Lifeline of Continued Prosperity." The contest was open to all

Benton County school students in grade 7-12.

Kevin will now advance to the regional contest Nov. 8 in Iowa City. Winner of the regional contest will advance to the state contest, which is held during the District Commissioners Annual Conference in Des Moines, Nov. 29-Dec. 1.