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### **Water Photo Contest Winner Results**

#### *Photo Contest Winners Announced from the Governor's Water Conference*

The fifth Governor's Water Conference was held Monday, November 14 and Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at the Hilton Garden Inn & Conference Center in Manhattan, Kansas.

A new addition this year was the Kansas Water Office's (KWO) photo contest featuring Kansas water photos. The purpose was to involve more Kansans and youth in water appreciation and awareness. More than 150 photos were submitted to be voted on as the 'people's choice' at the conference.

The winner will be featured on the 2017 conference brochure, website, social media platforms, Kansas Water Office and other locations throughout the coming year.

The People's Choice results are as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Idlewild waterfall photo taken by Dennis Schwartz of Topeka, KS
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – "Water Crazy Macy" taken by Melissa Zwegardt of St. Francis, KS
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sunset irrigation photo taken by Patty Turnquist of Lindsborg, KS

The winning photo is of Idlewild Lake Falls near Waterville, KS in Marshall County. The second place photo was taken near St. Francis. Macy is Zwegardt's neighbor's mini Australian Shepherd who loves water. The third place photo was captured northwest of McPherson as the sun was setting over the corn field.

There were more than 550 attendees at the conference which highlighted the *Kansas Water Vision* implementation to date, focused on the value of water and action items needed to help solve Kansas' complex water issues. Speakers were featured from all over the nation and the latest policy and research developments of water issues in Kansas were also featured.

The second Water Legacy Award was presented at the conference and 'Be the Vision' nominees were recognized as well.

To view more information about the conference and the entire agenda visit: [www.kwo.org](http://www.kwo.org).

The Governor's Conference on the Future of Water in Kansas is hosted by the KWO, K-State /Kansas Water Resource Institute and the Kansas Geological Survey/KU. Major sponsors for the event include Black & Veatch, Burns & McDonnell and Great Lakes Dredge & Dock.

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