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Simpson County Water District**

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**SIMPSON WATER CELEBRATES  
DRINKING WATER WEEK**

(Franklin, KY)- Simpson County Water District is recognizing the value of high-quality drinking water during Drinking Water Week (May 1-7). The week-long event focuses on educating consumers, community members and officials about the role of safe public drinking water in the health, economy and vitality of communities nationwide.

Simpson Water sponsored a poster contest at Lincoln Elementary School to celebrate Earth Day and Drinking Water Week. The contest encouraged students to learn more about the value of water, with themes including "Water. Celebrate the Essential," "How to Keep Water Clean" and "Creative Ways to Use Water." Prizes included U.S. Savings Bonds, certificates and water bottles. Submitted posters are hung in the Simpson Water office.

"We are honored to partner with Lincoln Elementary," said Alan Vilines, Simpson Water general manager. "The students have truly shown their knowledge of environmentally conscious choices. They are the future leaders who will continue working toward cleaner water and a cleaner world."

Drinking Water Week, hosted by the American Water Works Association (AWWA), is a national event focused on issues associated with drinking water. While in North America you can safely drink from most public taps, the AWWA says in developing nations an estimated 2 million people die every year from preventable waterborne diseases.

"We can't minimize the importance of a healthy water supply in our daily lives. National Drinking Water Week provides an opportunity to recognize this valuable resource and service," said Alan Vilines, Simpson Water general manager.

**About Simpson County Water District**

Simpson Water is a public water utility serving more than 3,200 customers and transporting over 1.0 million gallons a day throughout Simpson County. The system includes over 370 miles of pipeline in the Simpson Water service area, which spans 260 square miles. For more information visit [www.simpsonwater.com](http://www.simpsonwater.com).