

The ND Weed Control Association invited all fifth and sixth graders across the state to participate in their first annual poster coloring contest. Students were asked to create a poster showing how weeds affect the environment. Nicole Nieuwsma, a fifth grader from Linton Elementary, is the NDWCA's 2008 winner. Nicole was presented with a plaque at Bismarck's Earth Day, as well as a t-shirt that used her winning poster as the design. The next morning weed bandits arrived in Linton to hand out weed ID booklets and t-shirts to her classmates. Nicole is pictured with her class and the NDWCA's weed bandits, Theodore Thistle, Lucy Loosestrife & Spencer Spurge. She is also pictured with the NDWCA's president, Derrill Fick, accepting her award. The coloring contest was sponsored by the NDWCA and TransCanada Pipeline.