

Students learn about the importance of soil

The Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District held their annual conservation poster contest entitled "Dig-it! The Secrets of Soil" with Morrow County Schools.

This year's theme emphasized the importance of soils in your every day life. Almost all of the minerals and nutrients we need for life, to nurture us, to help us grow, give us energy and keep us healthy come from fields, gardens, trees and pastures. The entire earth, every ecosystem, every living organism, is dependent upon soils.

The first place winners competed in the Oregon Association of Conservation District contest in November. Julianne Carlson of Ione Community School and Jose Ramirez of Riverside Jr/Sr High School placed first in the state competition and will receive a \$25 savings bond from OACD and will compete on the National level in February 2010.

Contest winners are:

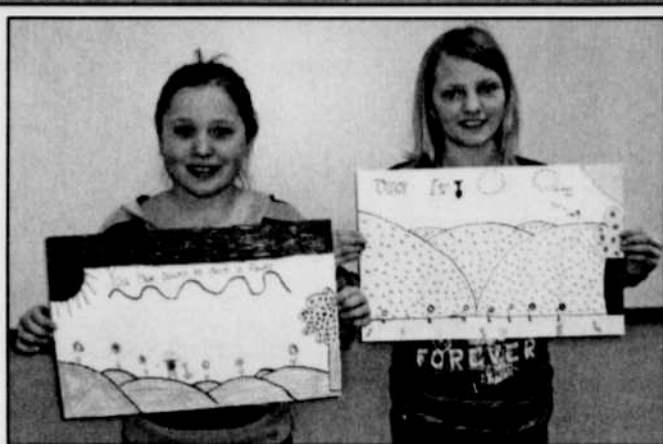
4th-6th grade - 1st place, Ally Haguewood, Ione Community School; 2nd place, Lexi Bray, Heppner Elementary School; 3rd



place, Nalani Stone, Heppner Elementary School.

7th,9th grade - 1st place, Julianne Carlson, Ione Community School; 2nd place, Celina Munoz, Irrigon Jr/Sr High School; 3rd place, Alondra Ramirez, Riverside Jr/Sr High School.

10th-12th grade - 1st place, Jose Ramirez, Riverside High School; 2nd place, Shelby Drago, Riverside Jr/Sr High School; 3rd place, Felipe Caldera, Irrigon High School.



Top Left Photo: Pictured (L-R) are: Front Row - Lexi Bray, Emily Cecil, Skylar Palmer, Kaelyn Lindsay, and Jordan Williams. Back Row - Merilee McDowell from the Morrow County Soil and Water Conservation District, Rylee Wagoner, Caitlynn Bailey, Janice Munkers, Nalani Stone, Sydney Qualls, Jessica Kempken, Faith Jones, Rylee Kollman, and Weston Putman.

Top Right Photo: Pictured (L-R) are Ione Community School students Ally Haguewood and Julianne Carlson.
Bottom Left Photo: Pictured (L-R) are Irrigon Jr/Sr High School students Felipe Caldera and Celina Munoz.
Bottom Right Photo: Pictured (L-R) are Heppner Elementary School students Sydney Maben and Melissa Martin. -Contributed Photos



Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office reports handling the following business:

September 16:

-MCSO received report that flashing lights are covered by the "Putting Oregon To Work" sign on Hwy. 730 in Irrigon and people are unable to see them until they are right up on them.

-MCSO received report of two head of cattle out along the highway across from a pond in Lexington. The owner was contacted.

-MCSO received a complaint from a male subject in Heppner that he was being harassed by a park host about his camping spot.

-MCSO deputy reported that safety presentations for children had been scheduled.

-MCSO received a request for information regarding child placement.

-MCSO received report from an Irrigon subject that kids stand all over Columbia Road in Irrigon. The subject didn't want contact, but was concerned about kids getting hit.

-MCSO received request to assist an Oregon State Police trooper with a drug search in Ione.

-MCSO received report from a Lexington resident that he received a check that was denied because of insufficient funds. The reporter talked to his attorney and was advised to make a report with the sheriff's office.

-MCSO arrested Paula L. Taylor, 53, on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Pay Fine/Curfew Ordinance. She was also arrested on a Umatilla/Morrow County Community Correction Detention warrant with no bail. She was lodged at Umatilla County Jail.

-MCSO received report that a 78-year-old male was refusing to take his medications and refusing to go to the doctor. The reporter wanted an ambulance to assist in making him go. The caller was advised that a patient cannot be forced to take his meds.

-MCSO received request for information concerning his arrest in Morrow County in 1971.

-MCSO received

report that a male subject was riding his bike through town and stopped at the Neighborhood Center getting food.

-MCSO received report from an Irrigon subject that his teenage stepdaughter ran away and had been seen around town.

-MCSO received report that a bike was stolen from a bus stop in Irrigon.

-MCSO received request for deputy contact from a female in Irrigon who said another female subject kept showing up at a trailer that the first female bought from the second female's grandparents. The granddaughter kept showing up at the residence and threatening the new renters.

-MCSO received report that a subject in Irrigon was trying to pick up his 17-year-old daughter, however there was a custody dispute and the mother would not let the 17-year-old leave.

-MCSO received report from a Heppner woman received information that a subject parked his bike in front of her house and walked to her front walkway.

-MCSO received report of a three-vehicle motor vehicle accident with unknown injuries on the on-ramp on I-84, Boardman. Hermiston EMS was contacted.

-MCSO received report that a grader was parked in the grocery store parking lot running and with the lights on.

-MCSO deputy reported he was flagged down and received a report that a male and female were yelling and having an argument in Irrigon. The female left the residence.

-Boardman Police Department received report of a juvenile female missing in Boardman. The juvenile was last seen at 9 p.m. An officer responded and advised to send out an attempt to locate.

-BPD cited Antonio Cazarez Chavez, 38, for Driving Uninsured. He was also warned for defective equipment-passenger side headlight.

-BPD cited Nestor Corona Banderas for Driving Uninsured. He was also warned for failure to obey a traffic control device-stop sign.

-BPD cited Arturo Villalobos, 25, for No Operator's License, Driving Outside Restrictions and No CDL in a Commercial Vehicle.

-BPD, Boardman Ambulance received report of a subject who had been ill and then became incoherent and pale and nauseated. The subject was transported.

-BPD officer reported he was en route to Pet Rescue with three cats.

-BPD received report of a male subject who kept jumping into the lane of travel. He was advised to stay on the sidewalk.

-BPD cited Jason Dean Weber for Driving While Suspended-violation and Failure to Obey a Traffic Control Device.

-Irrigon Ambulance received report of a female in pain from a previous dog bite. She had been on antibiotics for an infection. The patient refused transport.

-Ione EMS received report of a person who had fallen in the restroom. There was no injury, but a subject needed assistance in lifting the person. Ione Ambulance responded.

September 17: MCSO received a request for assistance in delivering a death notice to a family in Heppner.

-MCSO received report of suspicious circumstances in Lexington with a gate open that is usually locked. The subject advised there was no damage to the gate and no vehicles or people around and suspected that they had forgotten to close it.

-MCSO deputy transported a subject from St. Charles in Bend to Heppner Circuit Court and back to Bend if commitment was ordered by court.

-MCSO, Irrigon Ambulance received report from an Irrigon woman that her husband, who was almost 90, fell out of bed and she and her neighbor can't get him up. It was unknown if he had injuries because of the severe pain he always experiences. A deputy responded to assist.

-MCSO deputy reported he was with a subject who was camping on Hwy. 206, Heppner.

-MCSO arrested John Melvin Healy, 54, on a warrant for Contempt/Failure to Complete Community Service. He was released on his own recognition.

-MCSO deputy transported a prisoner to court and back.

-MCSO sergeant advised he handled a parking issue while on another call in Lexington.

-MCSO served an Irrigon Justice Court warrant to Mark Kyle Shea, 20, for Criminal Mischief, Criminal Trespass II.

-MCSO received report of a white calf running down the middle of the road on Hwy. 206-Heppner.

-MCSO received report from Oregon State Police of a vehicle in the Salem area registered to Morrow County that is tailgating and speeding.

-MCSO received report of a missing or stolen camera from an Irrigon residence.

-MCSO received report from a Heppner woman that she had been getting calls with no one on the other end for the past four days. A deputy made contact and advised her of her options.

-MCSO received report of six kids in a vehicle leaving Heppner High School and one was sitting on the lap of another. A 17-year-old was cited for No Operator's License and Driving Outside Provisions.

-MCSO received request for deputy contact at an Irrigon residence concerning loud music. A deputy made contact.

-MCSO received report that the driver and passenger in a Volkswagen Jetta were drinking bottles of beer on Hwy. 730 leaving Umatilla. A deputy did not observe any beer drinking and did not have probable cause for a stop.

-MCSO received request for an emergency number for Morrow County Grain Growers. A Schwan's Truck driver had run out of propane and needed some fuel. A MCGG employee was en route to help.

-MCSO received request for contact from an Irrigon woman regarding her juvenile who needed fingerprinting.

-MCSO deputy made contact with a construction company concerning someone turning on a scraper at night in Irrigon.

-MCSO received report of vehicles unlawfully parked in Heppner.

-MCSO received a report from a Boardman subject that his wife called him and told him she was on Wilson Rd. and hit something, but she did not know what. The reporter went to the scene and advised it was a deer and it was on the side of the road. A deputy assisted.

-MCSO received report from a Heppner subject that a person was harassing him.

-MCSO deputy reported he was doing transport for the Umatilla County Sheriff's Office from the Pendleton Round-Up to the jail.

-MCSO received report from a subject in Heppner that when he answered his door, juveniles threw gravel at him. A deputy responded to investigate.

-Boardman Police Department officer reported he was out with a semi and warned the driver for parking on a street posted for no trucks.

-BPD cited Gabriel R. Gonzalez Bautista, 32, for No Operator's License/Driving Outside Restrictions, No CDL or endorsements. He was also warned for failure to dim his lights/no high beam indicator.

-BPD officer reported he was with a subject who wanted to report criminal mischief with a vehicle keyed in the Lamb Weston parking lot.

-BPD received report from a subject who said someone had kicked in his fence the previous night and stole items from his yard. An officer made contact, but the reporter was unsure of what action they want to take. The subject said he would contact BPD at a later date.

-BPD received a

report of a suspicious vehicle in the area of Tatone St. around lunchtime.

-BPD received report from a Boardman subject that his wife had medical marijuana and someone kicked in the fence and took the plant the previous night.

-BPD received report of male subjects in a white or cream colored vehicle who were doing something in the parking lot of the Trail Apartments. The reporter said the subjects told her that nothing was going on and told her to get in her house, then sped away. She suspected drug activity.

-BPD reported he was out with a citizen assisting with bicycle lighting so the rider could get home.

-Heppner Ambulance received report from a subject that his grandmother was talking to him on the phone and they suspected she was having a stroke. Heppner Ambulance responded, but there was no transport.

September 18: Morrow County Sheriff's Office received report of a panic alarm at the courthouse in Heppner. It was a false alarm. The janitors set it off.

-MCSO deputy made contact with a subject who possibly threw his lit cigarette out the window. It could not be determined whether the cigarette came from that vehicle or not.

-MCSO deputy made contact with three females at the park in Heppner. MCSO cited Kaylee Rae Lemmon, 18, for MIP by Consumption with a BAC of .007, and Kelsie Wain Fox, 19, for MIP by Consumption with a BAC of .093.

-MCSO received two 911 hang-up/abandoned calls from the Frontage Rd. area.

-MCSO received a request for a report and crash photos from a September 9 incident from the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in Washington, D.C.

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