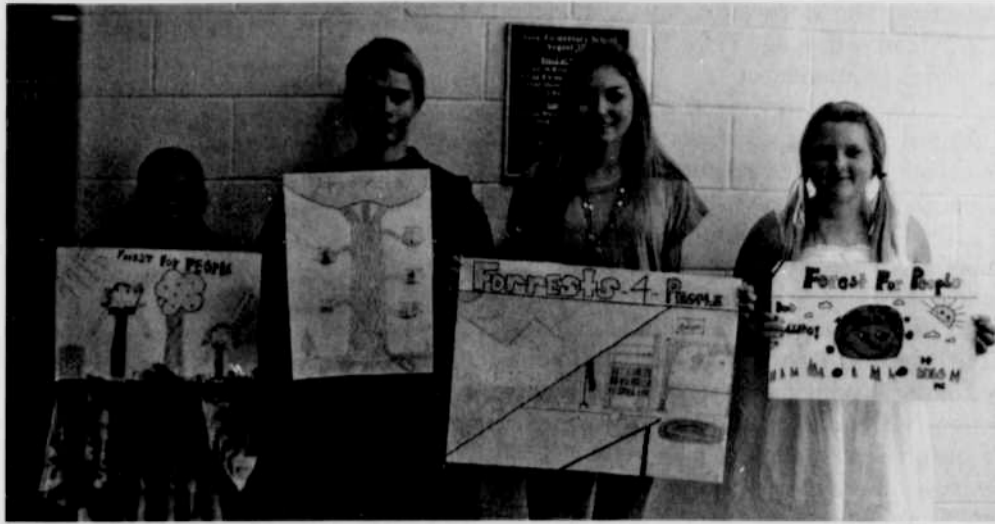


Local students win MSWCD conservation poster contest



Left to right: Babali Peterson, Oskar Peterson, Lacey Thompson, Hannah Padberg.



Left to right: Julianne Carlson, Emily Holland
Not pictured: Ally Haguewood, Emily Rea

Students from Ione Community School, Irrigon Junior/Senior High School and Riverside Junior/Senior High School participated in the annual conservation poster contest put on by Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District.

"Forests for People-More Than You Can Imagine" was the theme which emphasized the importance of protecting our

natural resources. This year the students learned what is made from trees, what foods come from trees and how trees help others.

Contest winners are: fourth-sixth grade: first place-Ally Haguewood, second place-Hannah Padberg, third place-Babali Peterson, Ione Community School; seventh-ninth grade: first place-Emily



Juana Gaytan

Holland, second place-Emily Rea, third place-Oskar Peterson, Ione Community School; 10th-12th Grade: first place-Julianne Carlson, Ione Community School, second place-Juana Gaytan, Riverside Junior/Senior High School, third place-Lacey Thompson, Ione Community School.

The first place winners of the local contest will compete in the Oregon Association of Conservation District contest at Sun River in November. First place winners at the state contest will receive a \$50 savings bond. First place winners of the state contest will compete at the National Association of Conservation Districts competition in February, 2012.

Fall prescribed burning set to begin

Umatilla National Forest firefighters are making preparations to begin treating as much as 20,000 acres with prescribed fire. More fall-like weather conditions anticipated in the next several days are conducive to the fall burning. Burning could begin the last week of September and continue through October as conditions permit.

Prescribed fire managers coordinate daily with the National Weather Service, Oregon Department of Forestry smoke management meteorologists and adjacent national forests to determine the optimum time and place to implement each burn. Each burn project has specific resource and prescribed fire objectives and constraints which guide fire managers in determining whether to proceed with a burn. Objectives of the burns include hazardous fuel reduction, activity slash removal, big game and other wildlife

habitat improvement, and forest ecosystem restoration.

"Managing risk in terms of firefighter and public safety is our top priority as we implement these burns," says Chris Johnson, fuels program manager. "Smoke management is also a priority as we do not wish to impact our neighbor communities." However, nearby residents and forest visitors should expect smoke in the vicinity of any prescribed fire activity and drivers should pay extra attention while traveling through or adjacent to burn areas.

Specific details and locations of the proposed prescribed burns are available on the Umatilla National Forest website www.fs.usda.gov/umatilla/ or at any forest office. It is important to note that not all proposed burns planned are likely to be completed this fall as typical weather

conditions provide for limited burn windows. For more information concerning the Umatilla National Forest Prescribed Burning program, contact Chris Johnson in Pendleton at (541) 278-3704 or one of the following Ranger District contacts: Scott Wryn, Heppner Ranger District, (541) 676-2111; Scott McDonald, North Fork John Day Ranger District, (541) 427-5311; Tyson Albrecht, Walla Walla Ranger District, (509) 522-6290, Steve Carlson, Pomeroy Ranger District, (509) 843-4611.

Marriage Licenses

Morrow County Clerk Bobbi Childers has released the following report:

-Reginaldo Rodriguez Delatorre, 40, Kennewick, WA, and Maria Cardenas Avila, 38, Boardman.

IMESD hearing screenings scheduled in Morrow County Schools

The InterMountain Education Service District is providing free hearing screenings to public elementary school students through November.

Hearing screenings are conducted annually by the IMESD's Audiology Department for public school students in Morrow, Umatilla and Union counties and are cooperatively sponsored by local school districts. Students to be screened include nearly 6,000 kindergarten, first and third grade students, new students to a county and parent, teacher and principal referrals of students in other grades. Children who fail the initial screening will be re-screened within a three-week period. Screenings began earlier this month.

Parents who do not want their child's hearing to be screened should notify their child's school as soon as possible. Anyone who has questions regarding the hearing screening program should contact their local school principal or the IMESD Audiology Department at 541-966-3140.

Screenings are as follows:

-October 18: Ione Community School, be-

ginning at 8:15 a.m., Heppner Elementary, beginning around 10 a.m.

-October 19: A.C. Houghton Elementary, Irrigon, 8:15 a.m.; Irrigon Elementary, beginning around 12:30 p.m.

-October 27: Sam Boardman Elementary, 8:15 a.m.; Windy River Elementary, Boardman, approximately 1 p.m.

-November 2: A.C. Houghton Elementary, 8:15 a.m.; Irrigon Elementary, approximately 1:30 p.m.

-November 8: Ione, 8:15 a.m.; Heppner Elementary, approximately 10 a.m.

-November 15: Sam Boardman Elementary, 8:15 a.m.; Windy River Elementary, approximately 1:30 p.m.

Marge Parks wins "Timeless Beauty" event at fair; Garden Club to meet Oct. 3

Marge Parks was the winner of the "Timeless Beauty" event at the Morrow County Fair.

She won a rose bush of her choice at Morrow County Grain Growers Green Feed & Seed who sponsor the event.

Other winners at the show were Terry Tallman and Carol Allison.

The next Garden Club meeting will be held Monday, Oct. 3. Guest speaker will be Carrie Spradlin from the Forest Service who will speak on trees.

The Heppner Jr/Sr high school wrestling team is collecting batteries for an ongoing team fundraiser. Auto, tractor, RV, and four wheeler batteries will be accepted. Please bring your batteries to the South end Transfer station free of charge located at 57185 Hwy 74, Lexington, OR. For further information or if you need batteries picked up, call Mark Lemmon at (541)215-9248.

Special Youth Hunt

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Morrow County Public Works

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Phone: (541) 989-9500
Hours: Mon. - Fri. 8:00am to 5:00pm

Morrow/Grant County OHV Park Youth Spike Elk Hunt

Morrow or Grant County youth that have their hunters education or are participating in the ODFW Mentored Youth Hunter Program.



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