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Media Advisory:

At the 9:00 a.m. board of commissioners meeting on Wednesday, December 10, 2008, the winning students will be present to receive their awards and the calendars will be unveiled.

Reduce Your Use: Student Recycle Art Calendar Awardees Named

The Mid-Valley Garbage and Recycling Association and Marion County Public Works – Environmental Services teamed up---with the help of local students--- to create 5,000 full color recycled art calendars. Hundreds of students throughout Marion County submitted illustrations that address the theme “*Reduce Your Use!*”

Of the hundreds of entries, there could only be fourteen winners. The committee selected the winners based on their artistic ability and content of their message. Each of the winning thirteen interior spots will receive a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond. The overall winner has their art featured on the front cover and will receive a \$200 U.S. Savings Bond.

Calendars are free and available by visiting the website of Marion County Public Works Environmental Services or calling (503) 588-5169. People can also get them by calling the Mid-Valley Garbage and Recycling Association at (503) 390-4000.

This has been a very good year for Marion County when it comes to recycling. We were recently named the top recyclers in all of Oregon, a state that is one of the best when it comes to recycling. We now recycle or compost 56.5% of our waste. We have also seen a real surge of interest in our waste reduction and recycling programs, as evidenced by the number of people that have signed up for our Master Recycler class, the number of businesses that have contacted us for help getting recycling programs started, and by the growth of the Oregon Green School program.

Award winners:

Spot in Calendar:	Student:	School:	Grade:
Cover	Meghan Shay Sexton	Crossler Middle School	7th
January	Eden Flores	Adam Stephens Middle School	6th
Feburary	Miranda Schaecher	Mt. Angel Middle School	8th
March	Ruben Garcia	Gervais Middle School	8th
April	Veronika Brukhal	Adam Stephens Middle School	8th
May	Maria Padilla	Waldo Middle School	6th
June	Sara Kuust	Adam Stephens Middle School	6th
July	Ann Weathers	Waldo Middle School	6th
August	Alesa Alekseyenko	Early College High School	10th
September	Ruth Martinez	Livingstone Adventist Academy	8th
October	Madeline Trudelle	Mark Twain Middle School	8th
November	Abby Fennimore	Mark Twain Middle School	8th
December	Garrett Wampler	Forest Ridge Elementary	2nd
January	Paige Nettland	Livingstone Adventist Academy	8th

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