

Everyone plays a part in preventing a wildfire start

Dedicated to the Prevention of Human-Caused Wildland Fires Since 1945



2021
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Kolton Johnson, 11th Grade
Plains High School, Plains
Statewide Winner

The 60th Annual Wildfire Prevention Art Contest

Join Keep Montana Green in celebrating 60 years of art and wildfire prevention. Each year participants generate amazing ideas and impressive artwork that promotes Keep Montana Green's mission of preventing human-caused wildfires.

Entry Deadline: February 26, 2021

Statewide Competition Prize Money:

- 1st Place Statewide Winner - \$250
- 2nd Place Statewide Winner - \$225
- 3rd Place Statewide Winner - \$200
- 1st Place Division Winner - \$200
- 2nd Place Division Winner - \$150
- 3rd Place Division Winner - \$100

Regular Divisions:

- Audio Visual – All Grades
- Computer Generated – All Grades
- Senior – Grades 10-12
- Junior – Grades 7-9
- Intermediate – Grades 4-6
- Primary – Grades K-3
- Special Education 1 – Grades K-6
- Special Education 2 – Grades 7-12

This year, to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Keep Montana Green in conjuncture with the 60th Annual Wildfire Prevention Art Contest, we have created a NEW division for 2021! Introducing the **Coloring Book Division!**

- The Coloring Book Division is open to all grades, K-12, and will be open for 2021 only.
- The winners' artwork will be featured in a special coloring book to commemorate Keep Montana Green's 75th anniversary.
- All submissions must be in black and white and should be easy for someone else to color.
- You may submit a color version of your artwork to your regular division, but you will only be eligible to win a prize in one division.
- Coloring Book Division entries will only be judged at the state competition.



Keep Montana Green is celebrating 75 years of service! Since 1945 KMG has educated Montanans on ways to prevent human-caused wildfire. We owe everything to our dedicated members, donors, and art contest participants. We want to especially recognize the passionate educators who have supported KMG throughout the years. THANK YOU!

Objectives:

- Educate Montana's youth on ways to reduce human-caused wildland fires;
- Assist educators with teaching fire safety and prevention;
- Utilize ideas and messages from the art contest in future fire prevention programs.

Entry Deadline: February 26, 2021

Theme: Keeping Montana Green

Contest Rules:

- Artwork will be judged on originality, design, slogan, artwork, and prevention message
- Entries must follow the wildland fire theme
- Contest is open to Montana Students in grades K-12
- Slogans should be clear, brief, and positive
- There is no paper size requirement
- Organization and agency logos and copyright characters such as Smokey Bear may not be used
- Use sturdy papers, such as cardstock or construction paper or mount on mat board
- Artwork becomes property of Keep Montana Green and may be used for publicity purposes
- Participant's name, grade, school, school phone number, school address, teacher's name and email, and parent's email should be included

Audio Visual Division:

Videos or sound clips are acceptable in this division. Examples include music, TV commercials, news stories, radio advertisements, public service announcements, educational material or social media products.

- Video and audio clips need to be 30 seconds or less
- Students can use any public domain footage, photos and music
- Copyright materials can only be used with written permission
- Video entries must be uploaded to YouTube or Vimeo
- All content must be PG or G
- All participants must email kristin.sleeper@mt.gov an mp3 file as an attachment or a link to their video by February 26, 2021

Judging:

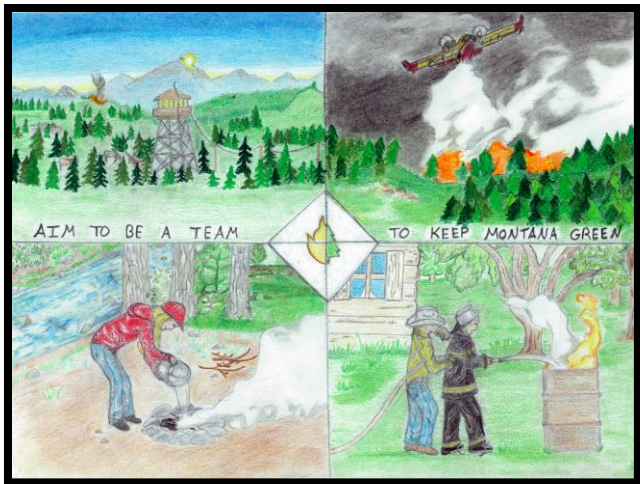
Artwork will first be judged regionally by the six Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) Land Offices. Ribbons will be awarded to the first three places in each division. These winners will be announced by their regional land offices and their artwork will advance to the statewide competition. All participants will receive a Certificate of Participation. Audio Visual, Computer Generated and Special Education Divisions are only judged statewide.

Resources:

Wildfire prevention, fire safety, and fire ecology material and curriculum is available on our website. You can also view previous artwork, contest rules, and information on where to mail your artwork, and label templates on our website www.KeepMontanaGreen.com.

Questions:

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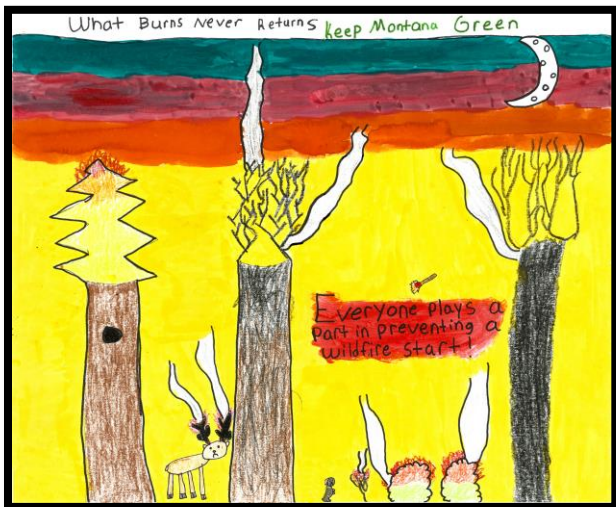
Amariah Gail Heir, 12th Grade

Yashua's Ambassadors Homeschool, Lambert
3rd Place Senior Division



Gracie Udem, 5th Grade

Terry Public School, Terry
3rd Place, Special Education K-6 Division



Karma Hadley, 6th Grade

Terry Public School, Terry
2nd Place Special Education K-6 Division



Sophia Spini, 3rd Grade

Fred Graff Elementary, Laurel
3rd Place Primary Division



Help Prevent Human-Caused Wildfires

Since Keep Montana Green's (KMG) formation in 1945, we have been dedicated to the prevention of human-caused wildfires. KMG was chartered as a nonprofit organization in 1961 and is governed by a Board of Directors representative of its members. KMG maintains active public education programs focused on the prevention of wildfires in Montana.

Donate Now to Protect Montana

Your Support will help reduce human-caused wildfire and protect Montana's vast natural resources. Please visit the KMG website www.KeepMontanaGreen.com to donate.



Do your part,
Prevent a
Spark!

Tenley Hersel, 3rd Grade
Fred Graff Elementary, Laurel
1st Place Primary Division



JANUARY

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 New Year's Day	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Fire Prevention Tip: The start of a New Year is a great time to plan. Have a wildfire evacuation plan in place with at least two evacuation routes and put together a grab and go bag with important family items. Rehearse the plan with family members or housemates. Don't forget about your pets! Visit ready.gov for more information.



Paul Mintz, 11th Grade
Terry Public School, Terry
2nd Place Special Education 7-12 Division



FEBRUARY

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Valentine's Day	15 President's Day	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Keep Montana Green Artwork Entry Deadline	27
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Fire Prevention Tip: Keep matches and lighters out of the reach of children. Be sure to talk to children about the dangers of playing with matches and lighters. Kids should tell an adult if they find matches or a lighter, so they can put them away safely.



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Walker Lee, 9th Grade

Hobson Public School, Hobson
1st Place Computer Generated Division



MARCH

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Daylight Savings Begins	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20 March Equinox
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Fire Prevention Tip: Spring is in the air! Prune tree limbs so the lowest branches are 10 feet above the ground to help reduce the chance of wildfire burning into the crowns of your trees. These lower branches and shrubs are called ladder fuels.



Jaden Martin, 7th Grade
Lewistown Jr. High, Lewistown
2nd Place (Tie) Junior Division



APRIL

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4 Easter Sunday	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Tax Day	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Earth Day	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Arbor Day	

Fire Prevention Tip: When open debris burning is allowed, establish wide control lines around brush piles and fields. Make sure to obtain a permit and let your local fire department know when you burn. Don't burn on windy days. Keep your burn piles small and keep water near at hand. Never leave your fire unattended.

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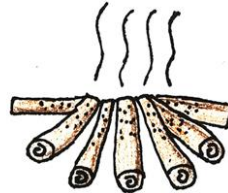
How to put out a campfire



You can throw water on the fire.



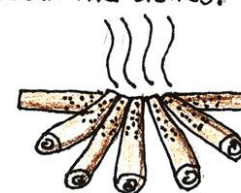
You can also throw sand on the fire.



Make sure the log is not hot.



Make sure you can touch the ashes.



This will save Montana and its land!



Ela Harber, 6th Grade
Havre Middle School, Havre
1st Place Intermediate Division



MAY

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Mother's Day	10	11	12	13	14	15 Armed Forces Day
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Memorial Day					

Fire Prevention Tips: Clear off pine needles, dead leaves, and anything that can burn from your roof, gutters, and decks to help prevent wildfire embers from igniting your home. Rake leaves, pine needles, and debris from your yard.



Madison Stone, 3rd Grade
Geraldine Public School, Geraldine
2nd Place Primary Division

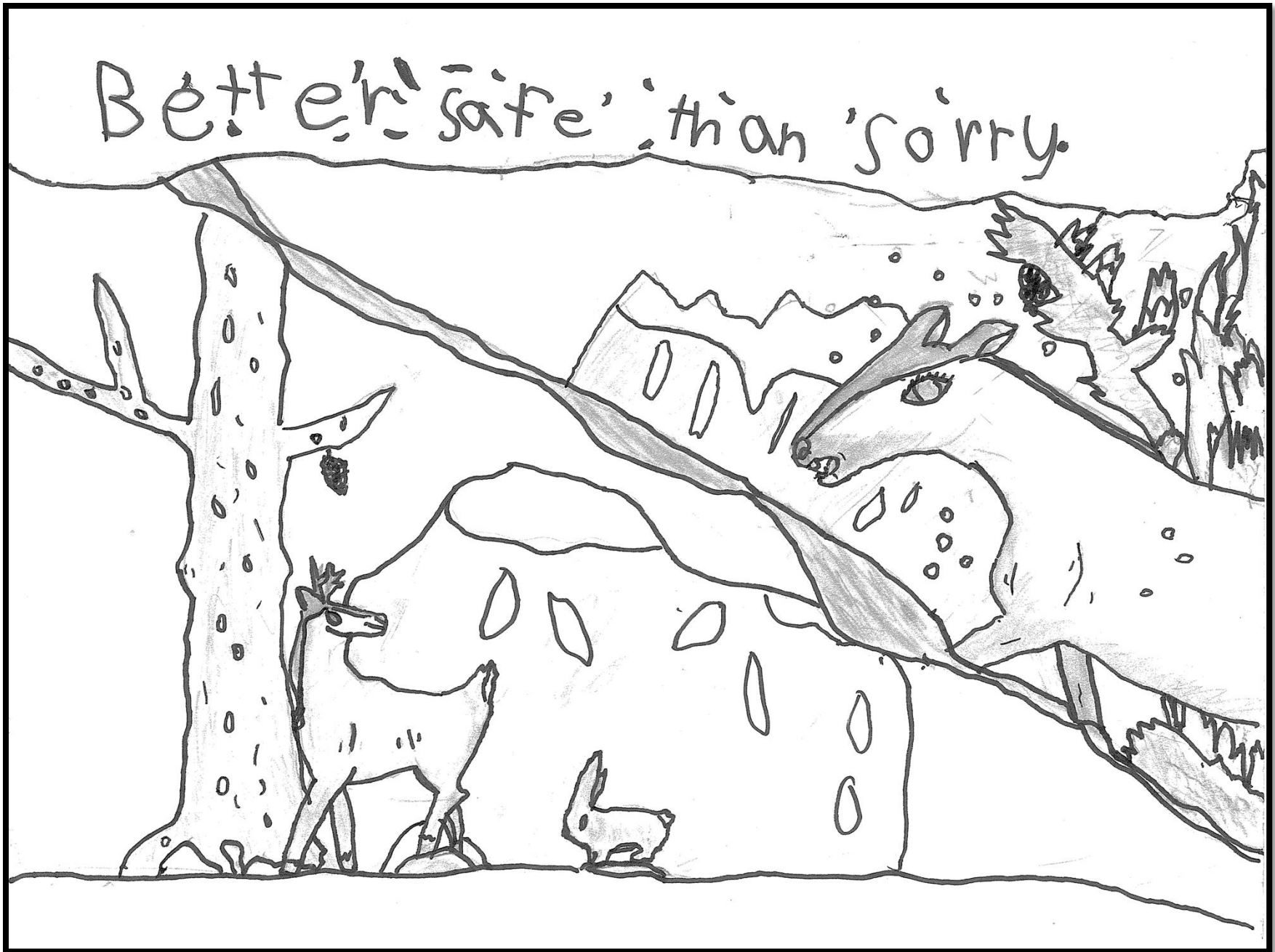


JUNE

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18	19
20 Father's Day June Solstice	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Fire Prevention Tips: June is a great time to make sure yard equipment, trailers, farm equipment, and off-road-vehicles are in working order. Check spark arrestors, wheel bearings, exhaust systems, frayed belts, and exposed wires. It only takes one spark for a wildfire to start.



Tirzah McNiven, 4th Grade
Fred Graff Elementary, Laurel
1st Place Special Education K-6 Division



JULY

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4 Independence Day	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Fire Prevention Tips: Observe fireworks restrictions. Light fireworks one at a time and move away quickly after doing so. After fireworks are done burning, douse them with water before placing in the trash. The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a public display sponsored by your local community.



Emily Milligen, 8th Grade
Reed Point School, Reed Point
1st Place Junior Division



Huntyn Fuzesy, 4th Grade
Sunnyside Intermediate School, Havre
2nd Place Intermediate Division



AUGUST

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Smokey Bear's 77 th Birthday	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Fire Prevention Tips: Lawn and farm equipment-caused wildfires are common this time of year; just one small spark can ignite dry grass. Your local firefighters are asking you to be cautious while operating equipment. To avoid starting a wildfire, inspect and maintain equipment, avoid parking or driving in tall grass and make certain you have water, a fire extinguisher and shovel with you.



Keirra Masa, 11th Grade

Columbia Falls High School, Columbia Falls

2nd Place Senior Division



SEPTEMBER

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Labor Day	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 September Equinox	23	24	25 National Public Lands Day
26	27	28	29	30		

Fire Prevention Tips: Be careful with outdoor repair work that includes metal cutting saws, grinders, and welding equipment. Before starting your project clear vegetation and water-down the work area, especially downwind. Re-water the area periodically to keep it wet until repairs are done.

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START



KEEP YOUR CHAINS TIGHT!

Maxwell Starika, 11th Grade

Plains High School, Plains

1st Place Special Education 7-12 Division

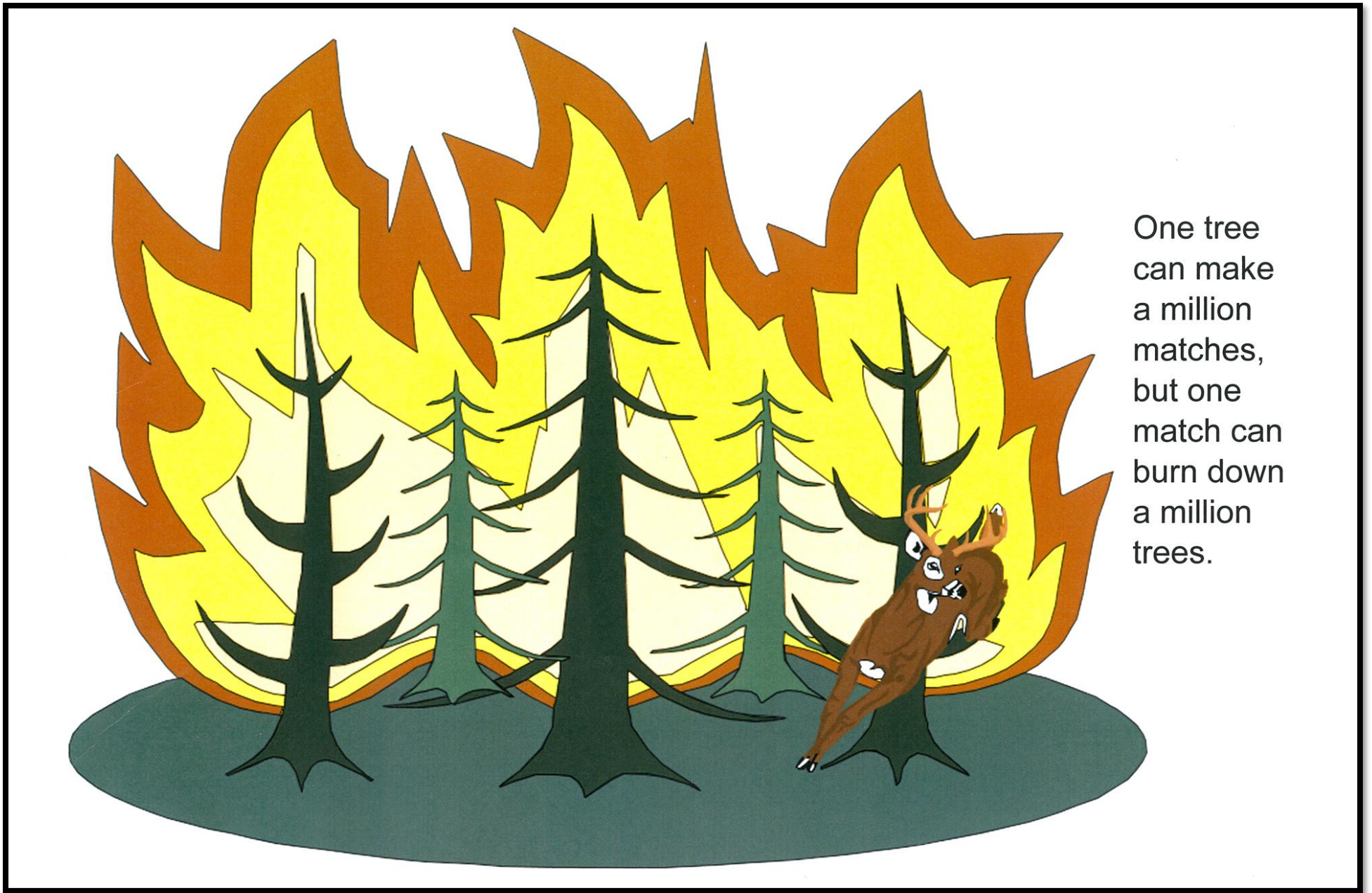


OCTOBER

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10	11 Indigenous People's Day	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Halloween 31						

Fire Prevention Tips: As you prepare for your hunting trip, remember to be responsible when building a warming fire. Clear away flammable material, do not build your fire underneath tree branches, never leave your fire unattended and make sure you have plenty of water to put your warming fire out completely.



One tree
can make
a million
matches,
but one
match can
burn down
a million
trees.

Thomas Horan, 9th Grade
Hobson Public School, Hobson
2nd Place Computer Generated Division



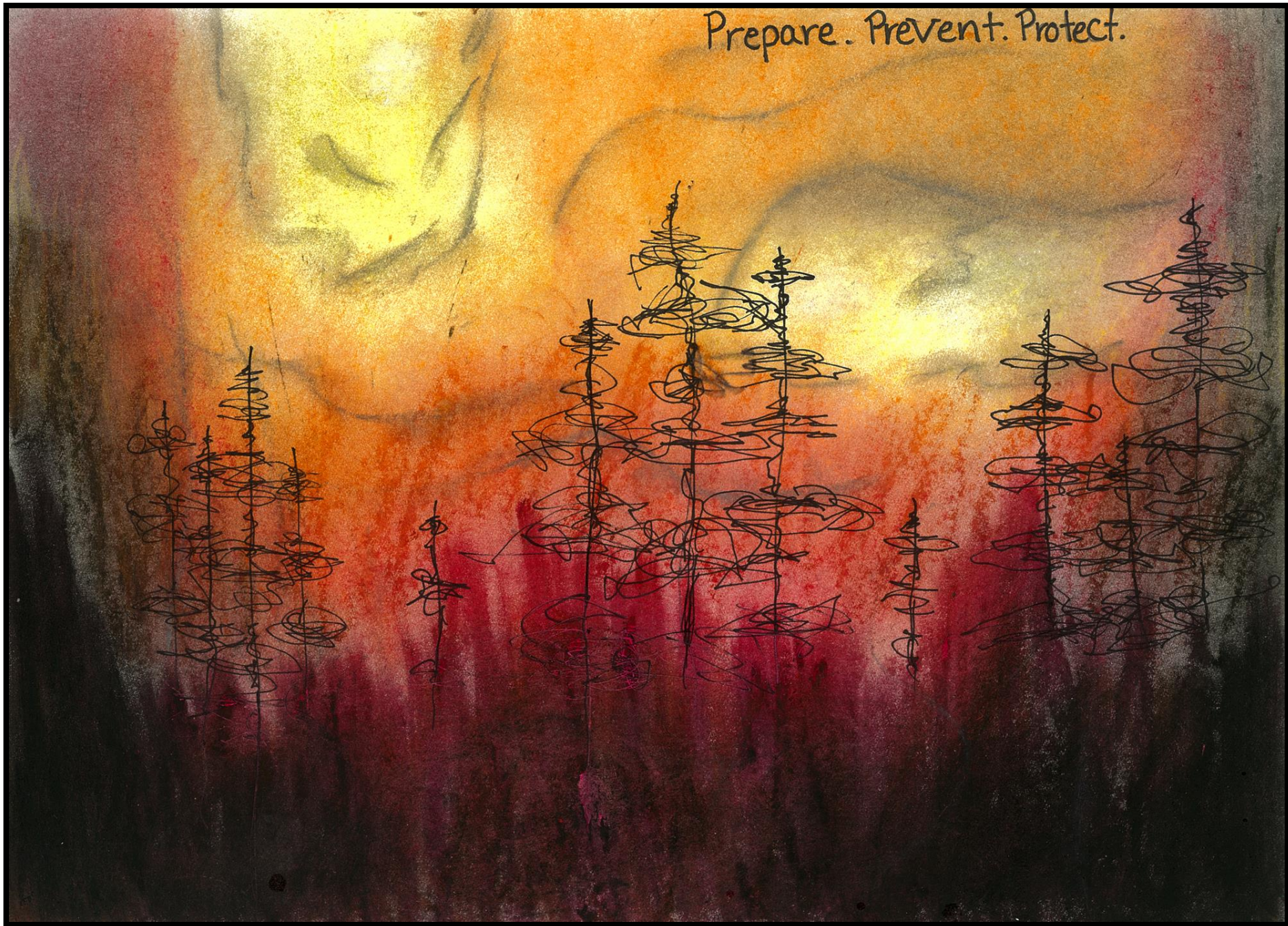
NOVEMBER

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Election Day	3	4	5	6
7 Daylight Savings Ends	8	9	10	11 Veteran's Day	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving Day	26	27
28	29	30				

Fire Prevention Tips: Removing flammable plants helps reduce your homes risk of ignition from wildfire. Trim back any shrub or tree branches that come closer than 5 feet to your house or outbuildings. Remove any overhanging branches.

Prepare. Prevent. Protect.



Kira Brousseau, 11th Grade

Columbia Falls High School, Columbia Falls

1st Place Senior Division

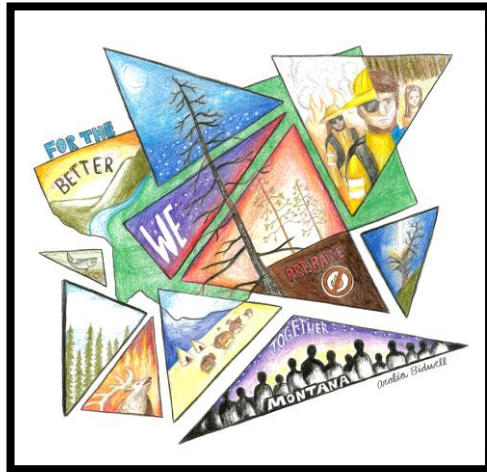


DECEMBER

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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 December Equinox	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day
26	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	

Fire Prevention Tips: Keep firewood, propane tanks, and any other flammable material at least 30 feet from your home. Do not keep gasoline or other flammables indoors or under decks.



Aralia Bidwell, 8th Grade
 Bonner School, Bonner
 2nd Place (Tie) Junior Division



Jack Zimmerly, 9th Grade
 Columbia Falls High School, Columbia Falls
 3rd Place Computer Generated Division



Madyson Lines, 6th Grade
 Havre Middle School, Havre
 3rd Place Intermediate Division



Noah Braaton, 11th Grade
 Terry Public School, Terry
 3rd Place Special Education 7-12 Division



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