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Celebrating Wildflowers Coloring Contest Winners

Grangeville, Idaho – National Wildflower Week was May 18-24. Students, kindergarten through 5th grade, from Elk City to White Bird and parts in between participated in a coloring contest to increase their knowledge of “Blue Violet,” “Sticky Geranium,” and “Long-leaved Phlox.” Each participant showed a creative flair, worthy of prizes and praise.

Wildflower coloring posters were given to Grangeville, Elk City, and White Bird Elementary/Middle Schools and Saints Peter and Paul School (SPPS). The posters were judged according to coloring by the flower description on the poster, overall neatness and creativity. Over 300 posters were returned for consideration. The following students received a wildflower certificate and colored tee-shirt:

Kindergarten-1st grade 1st prize: Victoria Rockwell – SPP, Marie Heckman – White Bird, Tommy Phillips - Elk City; *2nd prize:* Caity Johnson-GEMS, Kathleen Reidhead-White Bird, Liberty Edmondson-Elk City; *3rd prize:* Dylan Krogh – SPP, Canyon Walker – White Bird, Joe Jones - Elk City.

2nd-3rd grade 1st prize: Maggie Chmelik – SPP, Emily Kernutt – White Bird, Harmony Edmondson - Elk City; *2nd prize:* Garrett Malone – GEM, Rebecka Reidhead – White Bird, Ayla Forsman - Elk City; *3rd prize:* Jake Shoup - GEMS, Deysi Alonso – White Bird, Kortney Sims - Elk City.

4th – 5th grade 1st prize: Shavauna Fortin – GEMS, Ryan Joslin – White Bird, Joshia Montgomery - Elk City;
2nd prize: Alexys Walters – GEMS, Crikor Paris – White Bird, Ricky Farmer - Elk City; *3rd Prize* – Alexia Hill – GEMS, Seth Bartlett - Elk City.

Their winning posters were returned to them. Other posters from Grangeville and Sts. Peter and Paul will be on display at Askers Harvest Foods. Participants can pick their posters up from there. Thanks to all of the students for participating. Keep an eye out for wildflowers while enjoying your National Forests.

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