

# Two sixth-graders win DAR essay contest

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ENTERPRISE — Two sixth-graders from Enterprise Elementary School were named winners of the annual Daughters of the American Revolution essay contest, and were recognized by DAR representatives before their class Wednesday, March 30.

## The winners

Aspen Cameron, who attends school virtually, was awarded first prize in the district competition (Wallowa, Union and Baker counties) and won \$50. Her essay also won the state competition and now goes on to be judged at a divisional level with some of the other states. If selected as a division winner, the essay would be forwarded for the national competition. A certificate, gold pin and monetary award is presented to each national winner at Continental Congress in June 2022.

As Oregon's state winner, Aspen will have the opportunity to attend a luncheon at the 107th Oregon State DAR Conference May 19-20 at the Monarch Hotel in Clackamas.

Ella Hillock won second in the class, receiving a certificate and \$25.

The students in Donna Yost's class were among 34 who submitted entries for the La Grande-based Lone Pine Tree Chapter of the DAR to judge. Joan Smith, a retired chapter president and judge of the contest, joined chapter Secretary

Marcia Wilson in presenting the awards.

Smith told the class about the DAR, its background and its importance.

"Our theme and motto is, 'God, Home and Country.' Also, it's patriotism, historical preservation and education, and that's why I'm here," Smith said. "We've got to let everybody know how wonderful our country is and how proud we should be of our country because we have a wonderful country. Patriotism is very, very important."

The local DAR chapter, Smith said, was established in 1995 and includes Wallowa, Baker and Union counties. The national organization was founded Oct. 11, 1890, and recognized by Congress five years later. She said the national organization has more than a million members in chapters worldwide.

Yost pointed out that DAR is for female descendants of Revolutionary War veterans and any woman who can prove lineal descent from a patriot ancestor who provided aid to the Revolution. A separate organization, the Sons of the American Revolution, exists for male descendants.

Boys are eligible to compete in the essay contest, too.

Smith encouraged anyone interested to seek membership in a SAR or DAR chapter.

Yost said she's been planning to do just that.

"I have the paperwork, though I haven't actually

done it yet," she said.

## The essays

The essays, which were to be submitted before Christmas, this year were on the centennial of the dedication of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery. It was dedicated Nov. 11, 1921, with a ceremony in which wreaths were laid, then-President Warren G. Harding and other officials spoke and families gathered. The essay writers were to imagine they were the younger siblings of a boy who'd lost his life in the battlefields of France during the Great War and they attended the dedication of the tomb in Washington, D.C. They were also to tell what it meant to their families and why it's important to remember those who gave their lives for their country.

Aspen Cameron told a realistic account of what it would have been like to first, receive the news of her brother's battlefield death and then her and her parents' tearful reactions. She also told of a letter sent by her brother from his base in France in which he said he loved them and "loved helping change the world for the better."

Next was the trip to Arlington, all of them dressed in mourning black. They were impressed by the beauty of the monument to the Unknown Soldier, as well as the many crosses of veterans buried there.

Again, the tears started to flow, with her mom com-

forting her and her dad standing strong for them all. The honor guard expressed their condolences, as did many of those in attendance to each other.

She ended by saying, "I was thinking at the time that I did not know how I was going to get over the loss of my brother."

Ella Hillock wrote about attending the dedication ceremony at Arlington and being impressed by the beautiful monument, but said, "it did not mend my sorrows."

She, too, wrote of the experience of receiving the War Department notification and the grief that caused. In her case, her brother's body was recovered and sent home, so the family buried him locally so they could visit his grave without having to travel a long way.

At the dedication ceremony, she mentioned hearing President Harding speak using "big words I couldn't exactly understand." She may not have understood, but she did know the president and other speakers were honoring her brother and the other fallen.

She wrote of making their way home and her mother later putting flowers on her brother's gravestone.

"I slid my fingers over the rough stone," she wrote in conclusion. "I wouldn't ever be able to let go of the sadness of my brother's death, but I knew I could live through it. Someday, I'll see him again. And just that little thought made my whole heart warm up."

## Weather Forecast

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		High	Low	Conditions
April 7		65	41	partly cloudy
April 8		61	29	mostly cloudy
April 9		42	23	partly cloudy
April 10		37	22	mostly cloudy
April 11		39	21	snow showers
April 12		39	20	mostly cloudy
April 13		42	25	partly cloudy

## Phases of the moon

April 8	April 16	April 23	April 30
1st Quarter	Full Moon	Last Quarter	New Moon

WALLOWA COUNTY SUNRISE & SUNSET APRIL 7 - 13  
(from the U.S. Naval Observatory)

THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES	WED
6:16	6:14	6:12	6:10	6:09	6:07	6:05
7:26	7:28	7:29	7:30	7:32	7:33	7:34

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## KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

**Wednesday**  
**April 13th 2022**

**Wallowa Elementary School**  
**REGISTRATION BETWEEN 6 & 7 PM**

Parents, please bring your child's birth certificate, SSN (voluntary) and immunization records.  
Child must be five years old on or before September 1st 2022

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

SEE THE EXPANDED ONLINE CALENDAR AT [EASTERNOREGONEVENTS.COM](http://EASTERNOREGONEVENTS.COM)

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6**  
**ROTARY CLUB OF WALLOWA COUNTY:** Noon to 1 p.m. Odd Fellows Hall next to the Enterprise Library. Nic Powers will be presenting info on Winding Waters Medical Clinic.  
**LIFESTYLE WELLNESS CLASS:** 5-7 p.m., Wallowa Memorial Medical Clinic, Joseph. Wednesday evenings through May 25. Focusing on nutrition, exercise, sleep, decreasing stress, increasing social contacts and avoiding health risks. A supportive environment with like-minded people dealing with the same issues and wellness concerns. Call 541-426-7908 to register.  
**ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT TACO NIGHT:** 5-8 p.m. VFW Hall, Enterprise. \$8 per person.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 7**  
**CIRCLE 100 CLUB ANNUAL MEETING:** 4:30-6 p.m. Front reception room of Enterprise Christian Church. Sponsored by the Wallowa Valley Health Care Foundation. Bring a check for \$100 and enjoy refreshments and a short program. For more information call 541-426-1913.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 9**  
**ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST:** 7-11 a.m. Hurricane Creek Grange, at the intersection of Hurricane Creek Road and Airport Lane. Pancakes, breakfast meat, eggs, hash browns, biscuits & gravy, juice and coffee. Requested donation: \$8.  
**TUNESMITH NIGHT:** 7 p.m. Odd Fellows Hall, Enterprise. Featuring music by Larry Murante, Patrice Webb and Brad Parsons. \$10 admission; no food or drink service provided; BYO. Doors open at 6:30 pm.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 12**  
**QUILTING GROUP:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wallowa Senior Center.  
**JOSEPH CITY LIBRARY MEETING:** 7 p.m. Joseph Community Center. Relocation of the library discussion and presentation. Show your support and share your thoughts and feelings on

the subject. Before the meeting go to [www.surveymonkey.com/r/JosephLibrary](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JosephLibrary) and fill out the survey.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13**  
**FOOT CLINIC:** 12:30-3 p.m. Wallowa Senior Center.  
**LIFESTYLE WELLNESS CLASS:** 5-7 p.m., Wallowa Memorial Medical Clinic, Joseph. Wednesday evenings through May 25. Focusing on nutrition, exercise, sleep, decreasing stress, increasing social contacts and avoiding health risks. A supportive environment with like-minded people dealing with the same issues and wellness concerns. Call 541-426-7908 to register.  
**KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP:** 6-7 p.m. Wallowa Elementary School. Parents bring birth certificate & immunization records. Child must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2022.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 14**  
**ROTARY CLUB OF WALLOWA COUNTY:** 6 pm. Odd Fellows Hall next to the Enterprise Library.  
**WALLOWA MOUNTAIN QUILTERS GUILD:** 6 p.m. Monthly meeting. VFW Hall, Enterprise. Visitors & new members welcome!  
**SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING:** 6-7:30 p.m. Wallowa Valley Center for Wellness, 606 Medical Parkway in Enterprise. Free training and open to the public. For info, call 541-426-4524.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 16**  
**EASTER EGG HUNT IN JOSEPH:** 9 a.m. Joseph City Park. Hunts divided by age groups, ages newborn to 12. Sponsored by Joseph Chamber of Commerce.  
**VENDOR'S SYMPOSIUM:** 10 a.m. to noon, Cloverleaf Hall. A vendor's symposium is being held by the Wallowa County Farmers Market. The event, which was canceled the last two years, will feature vendors discussing topics such as appealing booth displays, customer relation, marketing,

advertising and networking. It is for both returning market vendors and prospective vendors. The symposium is free and open to the public. A potluck brunch is part of the event, and participants are asked to bring a bunch item. Coffee and tea will be available.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 19**  
**QUILTING GROUP:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wallowa Senior Center.  
**BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP:** 6 p.m. Wallowa Memorial Hospital conference room. Support, share resources, celebrate milestones and listen to speakers talk about topics relating to mastectomies and breast cancer. Everyone is welcome. Virtual link available. Pre-registration required. 541-426-7919.

This week's featured book

## Sea of Tranquility

by Emily St. John Mandel,  
writer of Station Eleven

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### Marcus "Marc" J. McDowell

June 29, 1973 - March 29, 2022

Marcus "Marc" Jay McDowell, 48, of Joseph, Oregon, passed away on Tuesday, March 29, 2022. A celebration of his life was held at the Cloverleaf Hall, Enterprise, Oregon, on Monday, April 4, 2022, at 1 p.m.

Marc was born on June 29, 1973, in Portland, Oregon, to Durwood "Woody" and Marlene (Teeny) McDowell. He resided in Molalla, Joseph, John Day and La Grande, Oregon. He graduated from Molalla Union High School and later graduated from Iowa School of Taxidermy and Oregon State Police Academy.

Marc was an outfitter at their family-owned packing operation, the Eagle Cap Pack Station, and a taxidermist. He later became an Oregon State Police K-9 handler, a senior trooper and a sergeant. In his spare time, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, snorkeling, traveling and seeing the world with his children.

Marc is survived by his daughter, Alysia McDowell; son, Austin McDowell; mother, Marlene McDowell; sisters, Monica Karcher (Bill) of Ponte Vedra, Florida, Marcie Teeney of Joseph, Oregon, and Misty Beckman of Joseph, Oregon; brother, Matthew McDowell (Amber) of Enterprise, Oregon; aunts and uncles, Mitch and Virginia Teeney and Dave and Lorraine Teeney. He was preceded in death by his father, Woody McDowell.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com](http://www.lovelandfuneralchapel.com).

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## Births

A daughter, Elayna Rose Hilliard, was born March 23, 2022 in Enterprise to Katarene Hilliard of Wallowa. Grandparents are Christina Wenke and Robert Hilliard.

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Please join us to celebrate the amazing life of our mother, *Blanche Tippett.*

Mom always brought more joy and contagious laughter wherever she went. We hope you can join us in sharing a funny story, favorite memory, and a light meal with us.

Her Celebration of Life will be held on April 16, 2022, at 11 a.m. at the Lewis-Clark Convention Center, inside the Holiday Inn, 700 Port Drive, Clarkston, WA

### Jo Anne (Garrison) Hunt

February 23, 1933 - March 20, 2022

Jo Anne Garrison Hunt, a resident of Enterprise, Oregon, passed away on Sunday night, March 20, 2022, peacefully in her room at the Wallowa Valley Senior Living.

She was born on Feb. 23, 1933, in Pittsburg, Kansas, to Howard Jayson Garrison and Ada Pearl (Jones) Garrison. There were six children born to Howard and Ada – Alice, Grace, Dale, Jean, Mary and Jo – all of whom have gone before her.

Jo Anne married Stewart L. Hunt on May 26, 1953. There were three children in this marriage: John Stewart, Jeanette Marie and Gary Howard.

Jo Anne went to Pittsburgh High School and to Kansas University. She enjoyed her job with the Cypress School District in Southern California as a teacher's aide. Jo Anne loved to go to the sporting events of her children and eventually her grandchildren. She loved baseball, specifically the Dodgers in Los Angeles. Later she watched a lot of basketball and loved to cheer on Gonzaga as her team.

We had many camping trips as a family and enjoyed going on trips to Niagara Falls, Paul Revere's house, George Washington's home on the Potomac, Kennedy's grave to see the eternal flame and Plymouth Rock.

After moving to the Wallowa Valley in the 1980s, Jo and Stu enjoyed raising cows and sheep on their small acreage outside of town. They enjoyed the country life as did their family when they came to visit.

Jo Anne had strong convictions in her faith and attended the First Baptist Church of Enterprise. Along with her children, she enjoyed five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren: John and Patty Jo Hunt, John Hunt Jr.; Jeanette and Mark Barnhart, Sam; Ernie and Charon Sams, Jacob, Ethan, Eli; Tiffany and Michael Cox, Kalon; Evan and Kendra Sams, Olive, London; Chad and Alice Sams, Kendra, Kiera; and Gary and Cathy Hunt.

A memorial service will be held April 8, 2022, at 3 p.m. at the Enterprise First Baptist Church. Bollman Funeral Home entrusted with arrangements.

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Application deadline April 15, 2022

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