

Florence Elks announce Americanism Essay winners



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Spunky Gray, Americanism Chair; Hayden Wisheart, third place; Morgan Williams, second place; Brayden Terry, first place; Bill Brown, Exalted Ruler

Each year, Florence Elks Lodge No. 1858 contacts local schools and provides a theme for the year's Americanism Essay Contest.

The theme for this year was, "What does the Pledge of Allegiance Mean to Me?"

The winners and their family members were invited to dinner and presentation of the awards at the Elks Lodge Thursday, Feb. 6.

The following winners were honored at the reception:

- Brayden Terry was awarded first place and \$100.
- Morgan Williams was awarded second place and \$75.
- Hayden Wisheart was awarded third place and \$50.
- Alison Bonisteel and Nicole Cooper were each awarded a well-deserved honorable mention

The winning entries were

authored by students of Chrissa Hixenbaugh of Reedsport Community Charter School.

The first-, second- and third-place winners' essays will now move on to the next round and be judged at the District and State Americanism Essay competitions.

Winners of those competitions will be announced at a later date.

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