

ELKS AWARD DRUG AWARENESS ESSAY WINNERS WITH 1ST, 2ND PLACE

On a national basis, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks held a Drug Awareness Essay Contest last November. The theme of the contest was "Life Does Not Rewind: Choose Life Not Drugs."

The contest was open to all sixth, seventh and eighth grade students, with the length of each essay limited to 250 words or less. Judging was based on closeness to theme, neatness, originality and correct grammatical structure. The deadline was Dec. 15.

Patrick La Nasa was the local Elks Drug Awareness Committee chair for 2019-20. He canvassed the local schools and called on the principals and staffs to encourage participation in the program.

In this area, two eighth grade students from Reedsport Charter High school were the only ones to respond.

However, the students who did participate placed first and second in the Oregon wide competition. After some administrative



COURTESY PHOTOS

Above, Gaby Galan of Reedsport Community Charter School receives first place and \$100 in the Oregon Elks Drug Awareness Essay Contest. Fellow student Gesme Kramer (inset, on the right) won second place. The awards were given by Florence Elks Past Exalted Ruler Karen Smales and Drug Awareness Chairman Patrick La Nasa.

delay, mostly due to COVID-19, the first place prize of \$100 was awarded to Gaby Galan of Reedsport, Ore., on June 17. Gesme Kramer, also of Reedsport, won \$50 as the second place winner.

Kent Gade, the Director of Drug Awareness for the Grand Lodge Order of Elks, the General Headquarters in Chicago, Ill., was impressed enough to give the students a "Commendation Award in Appreciation of Meritorious participation in the Drug Awareness Program of Grand Lodge."

This, too, was presented to these students on June 17 at the Reedsport Charter High School.

Presenters were Past Exalted Ruler Karen Smales (2019-20), Exalted Ruler Roger McCorkle (2020-21), La Nasa, Drug Awareness chairman (2019-20) and photographer Floyd Larson. All are members of the local Florence Elks Lodge #1858. Also, in attendance were the students' parents, Angela Galan and Justin Kramer.

Congratulations to Gaby and Gesme from the Florence Elks.

Oregon Coast Anglers announce 2020 scholarship recipients across state

The Oregon Coast Anglers (OCA) recently announced the recipients of its Conservation Scholarship for 2020. A total of four scholarships were awarded this year, totaling \$3,000.

"I'm delighted that the Oregon Coast Anglers presented Conservation Scholarships to students who are continuing their education to help preserve our natural resources," said OCA President Steve Godin. "I wish the best to these students and have high hopes they will be successful."

Jonah Jarman, a graduating senior from Siuslaw High School, will receive \$1,000 for continuing his education in Marine Biology.

Bill Hennig, OCA Director from Florence, presented the award certificate to Jonah on the boardwalk in Florence via a fishing pole.

Denny Davis, a 2018 graduate of Brookings Harbor High School who began taking classes at Southwestern Oregon Community College with the goal of

a degree in Fisheries and Wildlife, was awarded \$500 to help with education expense.

The scholarship will be presented to Brookings OCA Director Dave Kuehn.

Samantha Marsh, graduating from Bandon High School, will receive \$1,000 to help with her education expenses.

Marsh will be attending Oregon State University and majoring in



Jonah Jarman receives his Conservation Scholarship from Oregon Coast Anglers Florence Director Bill Hennig at the Port of Siuslaw.

Environmental Science. Marsh will receive an additional \$500 to help

with next year's education expenses.

Weaver is attending Southwestern Oregon Community College.

Yosh Ashikaga presented the awards to both Marsh

and Weaver — via fishing pole to practice safe distancing.

The Oregon Coast Anglers will continue to help improve angling opportunities in Southwest Oregon.

Habitat plans Porch Parade

Florence Habitat for Humanity invites the community to decorate their front porches and show their community spirit for the Fourth of July Porch Parade, people can unleash their creativity and bring a smile to friends and neighbors by decorating their front porch.

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Our Awesomely awesome stuff that can now be your stuff!
Saturday
7am-2pm
1117 8th Street
Furniture, décor, tools, bike parts, surfboard, blah, blah, blah...

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Mandatory face masks must be worn.
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