## 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 pro-

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



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 with next year's education and Weaver - via fishing

The Oregon Coast An- a degree in glers (OCA) recently announced the recipients of its Conservation Scholarship this year, totaling \$3,000.

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, was awarded \$1,000 for continuing his education in Marine Biolo-

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

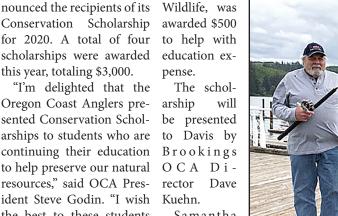
Denny Davis, a 2018 graduate of Brookings Harbor High School who began taking classes at Southwestern Oregon Community College with the goal of

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Samantha Marsh, graduating from Bandon High School, will receive \$1,000 to help with educa-

tion expenses. Marsh will Environmental Science. be attending Oregon State



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

University and majoring in Bandon and who received an additional \$500 to help

the Conservation Scholar-Lauren Weaver, also from ship last year, was awarded

expenses. attending Weaver

and Drug Awareness Chairman Patrick La Nasa.

Southwestern Oregon Community College.

Yosh Ashikaga presented the awards to both Marsh

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glers will continue to help improve angling opportunity in Southwest Oregon.

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