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WEST ALEXANDER MIDDLE SCHOOL

A HONOR ROLL

6th Grade - Carter Adams, Tori Andras, Christian Arroyo, Jude Branch, Cayden Breden, Ethan Brumley, Abby Buchanan, Macy Byers, Abby Bumgarner, Ava Chapman, Drew Chapman, Olivia Covill, Trent Crouse, Nathaniel Dahlstrom, Kylie Davis, Rya Duckworth, Carter Fortner, Payton Frye, Halle Gragg, Mason Hamby, Will Harrington, Benny Heath, Charles Herman, Madison Holland, Aidan Hollar, Cody Jack, Ashley Jacques, Hallie Jarrett, Noah Jolly, Shelby Jolly, Laina Keith, Allison Knight, Justin Lee, Aaron Longinos-Ramirez, Nathan Maroulis, Reese Mikeal, Jace Miller, Matthew Mullens, Kaydance Nivens, Laney Overby, Megan Parker, Allie Patton, Cassandra Perlman, Kelly Pratt, Bella Pritchard, Hayden Reid, Ava Reynolds, Ty Sharpe, Logan Shoemaker, Alissa Sigmon, Faith Smith, Ethan Stocks, Evan Tart, Lane Tevepaugh, Kenji Vang, Mikayla Watts, Muff Wilkins, Connor Wingler.

7th Grade - Olivia Blomeier, Mason Bowman, Morgan Brown, Faith Bumgarner, Kelsey Bumgarner, Kyra Byrd, Alex Chandler, Canyon Echerd, Justin Echerd, Jordyn Evans, Alyssa Ferrese, Coble Hartman, Sydney Hayes, Jenna Hensley, Sarah Hollar, Mason James, Macy Johnson, Samuel Johnson, Sophie Jussila, Erin Justice, Olivia Lewellyn, Madison Marlowe, Geneva Maynard, Kaley McDaniel, Makenah Melvin, Ashlyn Merritt, Madalyn Motley, Emily Mull, Harrison Oxentine, Reid Pennell, Ian Pope, Abigail Ries, Tilly Seaman, Reese Sharpe, Preston Shives, Grace Smith, Cade Smithey, Lauren Sprinkle, Lilli Stafford, Emilee Stout, Emma Teague,

Joseph Thompson, Monica Vang, Chloe Wike, Caleb Williams, Jessica Winebarger, Linda Yang. 8th Grade - Maya Adams, Rachel Anderson, Ragan Annas, Rachel Bishop, Nick Blackburn, Mikaya Bolden, Elizabeth Boles, Chase Bostian, Harrison Brashear, Xaiver Brittain, Leyton Brown, Hailey Bryant, Faith Carrigan, Anna Coxey, Shaere Delgiudice, Grace Douglas, Alysha Earley, Noah Foster, Shirley Frazier, Sophie Goble, Macy Goodman, Avery Griffin, Carlie Hamby, Nolan Heath, Abi Hefner, Josue Herrera-Salinas, Karen Kerley, Bodie King, Luke Kiziah, Cole Lail, Grayson Lail, Haley Lail, Serena Lee, Elijah Lilly, Jocelyn Loyola-Lonjinos, Emma McDaniel, Cade Miller, Elijah Peal, Weston Pratt, Anna Reid, Jackson Reid, Yessenia Rodriguez, Gavin Roupe, Kennady Russell, Piper Seagle, Abigail Serrill, Katelyn Shook, Kaylee Sigmon, Carlie Stafford, Leah Starnes, Makala Starnes, Josh Stubbs, Justin Taylor, Mee Vang, Michelle Vick, Julianna Walter, Austin Wasmund, Gage Weaver, Layna West, Connor Zink.

A-B HONOR ROLL

6th Grade - Hudson Ackerman, Justyn Alarcon, Jasmin Ambrocio, Samuel Arellano, Brennen Arguelles, Bodie Austin, Sequoya Ballard, Nathaniel Barnes, Thomas Bedzinski, Alexis Bickford, Carter Bolick, Zachary Bolick, Kayla Boston, Brooklyn Chism, Brailon Church, Adysan Cook, Jaden Curtis, Jaden Cushman, Karson Davis, Nora Duggan, Summer Duncan, Andrew Glascoe, Madison Harrell, Kanon Harrington, Madalyn Haynes, Tyler Hester, Phelan Holloway, India Howell, Jace Hudson, Braden Hussain, Shalyn Ikard, Callie Iversen, Maddox Jack, Garrett Jolly, Eli Kerley, Mallory Lail, Sophia Lane, Chad

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7th Grade - Aiden

Anderson, Jesse Anderson, Chelsey Arney, Eli Austin, Matthew Austin, Rylan Austin, Lilith Bentley, Faith Blackburn, Chase Bowman, Nathan Boyd, Michael Brown, Zeb Brown, Seth Church, Garrett Clark, Avery Cook, Matthew Dooley, Alexis Fox, Zoe Fox, Macie Greene, Caleb Handy, Kellen Hartman, Lyah Hefner, Abreona Howell, Reagan Huffman, Ayanna Lackey, Noah Latchford, Jordan Lineberger, Carter Martin, Jessica Matheson, Emma Moose, Parker Mosteller, Daniel Newton, Julia Ogburn-Beers, Ethan Pennell, Bryanna Robbins, Kathryn Sisk, Haylee Strauss, Emilie Sweet, Allie Thompson, Adan Warner, Ben Xiong, Bless Yang, Jake Young, Kaylin Young, Cooper Zaengle.

8th Grade - Chase

Adams, Joshua Barkley, Garrett Barnes, Dalton Beck, Lydia Belcher, Andrew Bumgarner, Madison Cole, Mitchell Cook, Josh Daniels, Konor Davis, Blaine Hartness, Madelyn Hedrick, Brooke Hefner, Kara Hinkle, James Howard, Ilinyah Howell, Noah Hubbard, Preston Hudson, Athena Huffman, Zane Isenhour, Tanner Johnson, Cole Keller, Jamie Keller, Sheila Martinez, Landon McLean, Aaron Mellon, Heidi Morrow, Eric Poovey, Landon Reece, Gavin Reynolds, Rachel Skinner, Mary Slagle, Shay St.Clair, Lorelei Stewart, Kaitlyn Stikeleather, Aidan Stocking, Jada Streeter, Abby Teague, Kaitlyn Walker, Myndee Yang.



FARMER AWARDED SCHOLARSHIP — Miss Emma Farmer is the 2018 winner of the Col. George Washington Flowers Scholarship, sponsored by Camp 1948, Sons of Confederate Veterans. This marks 13 years for this Scholarship. Shown above are Camp Adjutant Harold Dagenhart (left) and scholarship recipient Emma Farmer.

IN THE SHADOW OF HOGAN'S MOUNTAIN

By Dr. Warren Hollar, whollar@charter.net

Hilarious Antics at Pre-school & Kindergarten Graduations

The best show in town this time of year is provided by kindergarteners, preschoolers, and their parents and grandparents. Having been an impartial observer of graduations for little people for more than 40 years, I still have difficulty deciding whether to watch the show on the stage or the show in the audience at these programs.

In my early years in the school business, these rites of passage were recorded with polaroid cameras, boxy VCR camcorders, and a variety of still shot cameras. Today's life milestones are recorded with a plethora of smart phones, cell phones, web cams, and downloaded to Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and U-Tube in the blink of an eye.

Little people graduations are the first significant transition for the special young ones who seemed to have been born just yesterday. These precious babies have grown from tykes needing help with almost everything to independent packets of happiness with their own thoughts and interests. In my many years of attendance at these events, I have learned the songs belted out by kids in such classics as the Itsy-Bitsy Spider and If You Are Happy and You Know if Stomp Your Feet. Oh, who

can forget *Frere Jacques*, *The Wheels on the Bus*, *The alphabet song*, *Days of the Week*, and *Old MacDonald had a Farm*. I recently heard a modern version of "Wheels on the bus" song. The lyrics went, "the wheels on the bus go round and round, round and round, round and round." Then after the honking horn, the driver on the bus said, "tickets please, tickets please, tickets please." To which the passengers on the bus said, "scan my phone, scan my phone, scan my phone." (Holding up their hands pretending they hand a phone). It got big laughs from the millennials.

Invariably, little people's actions on stage create angst or humorous responses from the audience. Who can forget the girl that pulls up her graduation gown to adjust her undergarments, the itches in the most inappropriate places, nose obstructions removed and wiped on newly-purchased shirts, and the most boisterous singers and stompers. Children's recognition of relatives' attendance is shown with discrete waves, arms waving like semaphores, and verbal recognitions of various intensities.

On the other stage, the one occupied by fam-

ily audience members, one can observe word-prompting mothers, gyrating grandmothers mimicking children's movement, cell-phone carrying recorders of history jockeying for position, and chagrined smiles from parents of the most boisterous young ones. Little brothers and sisters in the audience vied for attention of graduates on stage by jumping up and down and pointing as they said, "there's my sissy or big brother." The end of the program is often marked by obligatory group pictures, pictures with teachers, and selfies with the whole clan.

My favorite part was always the reading of the book, *Oh, The Places You'll Go!*, by Dr. Seuss, a great choice for graduation! Dr. Seuss's exceedingly clever graduation story is a great launch for children starting out in the world, be they nursery school, high school seniors, or college graduates! And in the words of Dr. Seuss, "There's fun to be done" in the lives of these little people!

And lastly, don't forget to thank the nose wiping, potty helping, hand soaping, crayon drawing, story reading, alphabet singing, number counting, jacket zipping, tear wiping, and hug giving transformers of our future leaders.

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