

NSDAR Holds Annual Memorial Day Service

The Ann Crooker St. Clair Chapter, NSDAR held their annual Memorial Day Service at Ewington Cemetery, rural Effingham. The chapter started holding the service in May 2019. The memorial meets the mission of the NSDAR to promote historic preservation, education, and patriotism as they honor 30 veterans from six wars laid to rest at the oldest cemetery in Effingham County.

Chapter members Susan Oliver, Regent; Bobbie Reck, Service to Veterans Committee Chairman; LoElla Baker, Historic Preservation Committee and Nitelle Lading, Chaplain, participated in the service along with volunteers Matt Stead who played TAPS and Boy Scout Troop #335 who presented colors. The Memorial Wreath was presented by Ewington SAR chapter members prior to a roll call of the veteran's names. Scout Troop #335 placed flags at veterans stones the evening prior to the service while chapter members hang banners.



From left: Bobbie Reck, Susan Oliver, Matt Stead, Nitelle Lading, LoElla Baker

Scout Troop #335 members and their supportive family.

Altamont Lutheran Interparish School Fourth Quarter Honor Roll

4th Grade High Honors
Dusti Alwardt, Henry Burrow, Samuel Byers, Kinley Campe, Wyatt Esker, Lincoln Finn, William Meier, Jaxon Meyers, Elizabeth Morrison, Aubree Robertson, Thea Spour, Neely Wasson, Jack Webb

4th Grade Honors
Kaley Berg, Lakeyn Riech,

Westen Roysse

5th Grade High Honors
Penelope Arend, Hazel Deadmond, Gage Holland, Calvin Kelly, Drew Kraemer, Rhet Marshall, Graham Murray, Meredith Probst, Owen Savage, Drew Shewmake, Payton Storck, Evan Stuemke, Ellyson Tedrick, Cooper Wendling

5th Grade Honors
Nathan Pagone, Kameron Tappendorf, Ezra Wolff

6th Grade High Honors
Harper Arend, Emerson Caraway, Emmett Carlson, Hadley Grobengieser, Katelyn Pagone, Madelynn Ruholl, Iris Spour, Carter Wasson, Max Wolff

6th Grade Honors

Conner Alwardt, Madison Beccue, Reed Bowman, Braydon Durbin, Sophia Hearn-don, Hiram Shoaf, Bryntlee Stoldt, August Wolff

7th Grade High Honors
Barrett Alwardt, Henry Alwardt, Clair Berg, Easton Caraway, Kysson Koester, Griffin Kroening, Barrett Lock, Anna Manley, Atti-

cus Osteen, Emily Putnam, Weston Robertson, Gentry Sefton, Zoey Storck

7th Grade Honors
Ana Bailey, Olivia Grasher, Zoey Kraemer, Brighton Tappendorf

8th Grade High Honors
Jameson Arend, Olivia Bowman, Audrey Burgess, Addison Koch, Preston

Kroening, Aubrey Scholes, Blaire Suckow, Nolan Winter, Reagan Winter

8th Grade Honors
Colton Everett, Henry Grasher, Konnor Robison, Liam Schnarre, Mary Tappendorf, Aubree Willenborg

St Elmo Elementary Fourth Quarter Honor Roll

5th High Honors
Kynli Barker, Zuri Carroll, Gracie Phillips, Branson Stevens, Remington Gates, Lydia Sperry

5th Honors
Tracy Childress, Ollie Gilbert, Alaina Wright, Darik Wright, McKinley Barr, Keagan Bartels, Deklynne

Griggs, Braxton Hale, Paige Koester, Sophya Lowry, Laken Myers, Katy Phillips, Adley Truitt

6th High Honors
Nora Feller, Mabry Booher, Lena Goebel, Bekah Neeley, Emersyn Sanders, David Smith

6th Honors
Aubree Crum, Elisa Engeli-en, Kyah Jennings, Gunner Meinhart, Leah Saylor, Abri-anna Hames, Violet Koontz,

Diesel Rhodes, Axton Roley, Addison Somodi, Adrie Voelker, Levi Voelker

Hunter Barns Memorial Scholarships Awarded to Local Seniors



Front row from left: Hope Roedl, Riley Rippetoe, Morgan Mays and Katie Tedrick; back row: Michelle Barns, Brock Wendling, Cooper Pals, Kade Milleville and Mike Barns



From left to right: Michelle Barns, Madeline Landrus, Hannah Neeley, and Mike Barns

The Hunter Barns Memorial Scholarship was proudly presented to seven Altamont High School seniors during the Senior Honors Program on May 6. Each recipient received a \$1,375 scholarship to support their future endeavors.

The scholarship was established by Mike and Michelle Barns in loving memory of their son, Hunter, a 2016 graduate of ACHS. During his high school career, Hunter was an active student-athlete who participated in soccer, cross country, and track and field. His dedication to service shone brightly during his senior year when he pursued his dream of serving his country by enlisting in the United States Army National Guard.

The mission of the memorial scholarship is to

honor Hunters legacy while blessing others. Thanks to the ongoing generosity of donors, the Hunter Barns Memorial has been awarding scholarships annually since 2016. With this year's presentations, the memorial has now proudly awarded a total of 59 scholarships.

To be selected for the award, applicants were asked to write an essay titled "This I Believe." This year's recipients include Hope Roedl, Riley Rippetoe, Morgan Mays, Katie Tedrick, Brock Wendling, Cooper Pals, and Kade Milleville. Each student was awarded \$1,375.

Roedl will be attending Lake Land College. Her major is Nursing. She is the daughter of Robert and Hone Roedl.

Rippetoe will be attend-

ing Lake Land College. Her major is Nursing. She is the daughter of Jason and Amy Rippetoe.

Mays will be attending Lake Land College to study cosmetology. She is the daughter of Jesse and Tina Mays.

Tedrick will be attending Lake Land College. Her major is Education. She is the daughter of Chris and Nikki Tedrick.

Wendling will be attending Lake Land College to study engineering. He is the son of Travis and Michelle Wendling.

Pals will be attending Blackburn College. His major is Education. He is the son of Corey and Carie Pals.

Milleville will be attending Lake Land College majoring in physical therapy. He is the son of Dane and Jennifer Milleville.

Mike and Michelle Barns presented the Hunter Barns Memorial Scholarship at the St. Elmo High School Honors Night on May 6, 2026. This year's recipients of the \$1,375 scholarships

are Madeline Landrus and Hannah Neeley. The awards were based on essays titled "This I Believe." Landrus daughter of David and Samantha Landrus will study social work at Indiana State

University. Neeley daughter of T.J. and Melody will study criminal justice and business administration at Greenville University.

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