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Class of 2022 Elgin Sesquicentennial Essay Contest Winner is MacKenzie Elder

ELGIN, Texas— *The central Texas town of Elgin was founded in 1872 and is celebrating its Sesquicentennial throughout 2022 with a lineup of events and activities designed to link up culture and community by celebrating, commemorating and educating all year long. The Sesquicentennial festivities are shaping up in a variety of ways through events, youth projects, and community celebrations connected to the central Texas railroad town's diverse past and bright future.*

MacKenzie Elder was recently announced as the recipient of a \$1,500 scholarship for her winning essay highlighting the railroad as the greatest historical impact in Elgin's 150-year history.

A total of 21 essays were submitted and anonymously ranked by a panel of six judges.

Special thanks to Elgin Independent School District for coordinating this once in a lifetime competition.

The winning essay will be a part of the Founder's Day Birthday Bash program on Saturday, August 20, and will also be included inside the official time capsule, set to be dedicated on Saturday, December 3rd as part of the Time to Shine celebration.

About 30 minutes east of Austin at the gateway to Central Texas, Elgin is an affordable, business friendly community with historic roots and progressive leadership. Long known for its famous hot sausage, Elgin has a budding farm-to-table industry where food is grown and processed locally. Elgin also offers great opportunities for businesses seeking a talented workforce, a revitalized downtown district, and locations near highways and rail for accessibility and distribution throughout Central Texas and beyond. For more information on the Sesquicentennial celebration, dubbed as #ETX150, visit us online at www.etx150.com or follow along on Facebook @etx150 for the latest event updates and community wide activities. For more information, on Elgin, Texas visit www.elginedc.com or www.elgintx.com.



(Class of 2022 Elgin Sesquicentennial Essay Contest winner MacKenzie Elder and Sesquicentennial Committee Co-Chair Deborah Cartwright pictured)