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Complete the grid so every row, column and 3 x 3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

Today's puzzle solution

8	4	2	5	7	6	9	1	3
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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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Crossword Time

Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg October 5, 2025

ACROSS

- 1 Stars late in life
10 "Otherwise ..."
15 Claim from someone who's not not hungry
16 Words next to an F
17 Lurk ominously
18 Large concert venue
19 Stately trees
20 ___ Jones Industrial Average
21 "Feel me?"
22 Jo, to Meg March
23 Autographed
26 ___ cake (gooey dessert)
27 Tech journalist Swisher
28 Largest govt. agency
30 That woman
31 "It's best left unanswered"
35 Komodo dragon, e.g.
37 "Help! This is breaking my brain!"
39 Certain tattoo, or the shirt part that covers it
40 Hostile place, metaphorically
41 Low island
42 '80s TV extraterrestrial
44 Piece for a couple, e.g.
45 Frees (of)
47 Like the smell of dough

- 49 Navy rank below capt.
52 Corn often topped with chile powder and cotija cheese
54 Limb where tefillin or bracelets are worn
55 "Truth or ___?"
56 Rouses from sleep
57 Takes something to the next level
60 Become acquainted with on Tinder, say
61 In vain
62 Model Haddon who wrote "Ageless Beauty"
63 Lip-puckering treat

DOWN

- 1 Aggravates
2 Bacteria whose strains are mostly harmless
3 Condemns to failure
4 Tooth holders
5 Not feeling 100%
6 Poet laureate Limon
7 Geeky thrill of excitement
8 Add as a bonus
9 Worried and worried
10 "My word!"

- 11 Untamed
12 "Can I help you?"
13 Set of all realities, in science fiction
14 Where to enjoy a scenic spot?
23 Stimulating cannabis variety
24 How a door might be slammed
25 Apportion
27 Get down on one ___
29 "Toy Story" studio
31 "My goose is cooked"
32 Buddhist spiritual leader
33 "Sounds good"
34 "How I Met Your Mother" actor Penn

- 36 Lemon peel shavings
38 List with small courses
43 Meals with big courses
46 Stainless ___ appliances
48 "Star Wars" droid, familiarly
49 Board game with a Longest Road card
50 Dungeons & Dragons class wielding nature-themed magic
51 Answer
53 Spanish direction hidden in "Achilles tendon"
55 Opera star
58 ___ favor
59 Cul-de-___

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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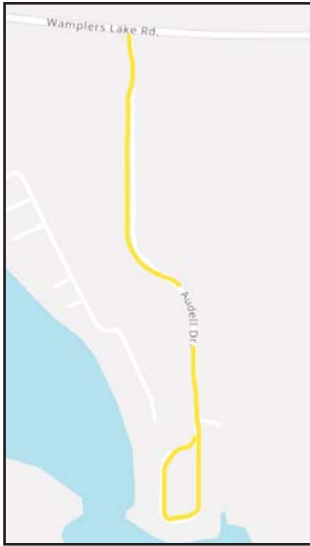
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COLUMBIA CHARTER TOWNSHIP

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT OF ROADS WITHIN COLUMBIA CHARTER TOWNSHIP

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TO ALL OWNERS OF THE FOLLOWING-DESCRIBED LANDS:



its intention to proceed with the public improvements described as follows:

Acquiring and constructing road improvements, consisting generally of mill and fill or a crush and shape on hard surfaced roads and placing Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) on existing gravel roads and related improvements, rights of way, and appurtenances and attachments thereto.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has tentatively declared its intention to make such improvements and tentatively designated the above-described lands as a special assessment district against which part of the cost of said public improvements is to be assessed.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has caused plans to be prepared showing the public improvements, the location thereof and an estimate of the cost thereof which have been filed with the office of the Township Clerk, 8500 Jefferson Road, Brooklyn, Michigan, 49230, for public examination.

THE DISTRICT includes all of the lots and parcels on the following roads: Audell Drive and Pamela Circle.

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of Act 188, Public Acts of Michigan, 1954, as amended, the Township Board has received a petition signed by record owners of land constituting more than 50% of the total frontage upon the road being improved in the proposed special assessment district comprised of the lands described above, and has tentatively declared

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township Board will meet on Monday the 20th day of October, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., Eastern Time, at the Township Hall, 8500 Jefferson Road, Brooklyn, Michigan, 49230, to hear objections to the petition, the public improvements and to the proposed special assessment district therefore.

Cathy Hulburt
Township Clerk

COLUMBIA CHARTER TOWNSHIP

COLUMBIA CHARTER TOWNSHIP SUMMARY OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE No. COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP CEMETERY ORDINANCE

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The Columbia Charter Township Board of Trustees adopted an Ordinance of Columbia Charter Township, Jackson County, Michigan being the COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP CEMETERY ORDINANCE, Ordinance No.

This Ordinance is to provide for the regulation relating to the operation, control, and management of the Township cemeteries, including sale of lots, purchase price, grave opening, markers, internment regulation, ground maintenance, forfeiture of lots, repurchase of lots, records, cemetery hours, sexton, and general rules. The Ordinance provides misdemeanor penalties for violation, including a fine up to \$100 and/or 90 days in jail.

Effective date: Thirty (30) days after publication

Notice: The full text of this Ordinance is available for review at the Columbia Charter Township Office, 8500 Jefferson Road, Brooklyn, Michigan 49230. A copy of the full text of this Ordinance may be obtained from the Columbia Charter Township Office at a fee determined by the Board of Trustees.

Cathy Jo Hulburt,
Columbia Township Clerk

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VILLAGE OF ADDISON BURN ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO: __2025-01_____
Village of Addison, Lenawee County, Michigan

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An ordinance to secure the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the residents and property owners of the Village of Addison, Lenawee County, Michigan, a municipal corporation, to rescind the existing Open Fire Ordinance 1994-1, and to enact a new Ordinance to control and regulate outdoor burning of materials within the Village of Addison; to provide penalties for the violation of this ordinance and to repeal any ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith.

THE VILLAGE OF ADDISON,
LENAWEE COUNTY, ORDAINS:

SECTION 1: PURPOSE
1.00 Purpose.

This ordinance is intended to promote public health, safety and welfare and to safeguard the health, comfort, living conditions, safety and welfare of the citizens of VILLAGE OF ADDISON by regulating the air pollution and fire hazards of outdoor burning.

SECTION 2: APPLICABILITY
2.00 Applicability.

This ordinance applies to all outdoor burning within the VILLAGE OF ADDISON, Lenawee County, Michigan

2.1. This ordinance does not apply to grilling or cooking food using charcoal, wood, propane or natural gas in cooking or grilling appliances.

2.2. This ordinance does not apply to burning for the purpose of generating heat in a stove, furnace, fireplace or other heating device within a building used for human or animal habitation.

2.3. This ordinance does not apply to the use of propane, acetylene, natural gas, gasoline or kerosene in a device intended for heating, construction or maintenance activities.

SECTION 3: SEVERABILITY
3.00 Severability.

Should any portion of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected.

SECTION 4: DEFINITIONS
4.00 Definitions.

4.1. "Campfire" means a small outdoor fire intended for recreation or cooking but not including a fire intended for disposal of waste wood or refuse.

4.2. "Clean wood" means natural wood which has not been painted, varnished or coated with a similar material: has not been pressure treated with preservatives; and does not contain resins or glues as in plywood or other composite wood products.

4.3. "Construction and demolition waste" means building waste materials, including but not limited to waste shingles, insulation, lumber, treated wood, painted wood, wiring, plastics, packaging, and rubble that results

from construction, remodeling, repair, and demolition operations on a house, commercial or industrial building, or other structure.

4.4. "Fire Chief" means the Chief of Addison Fire Department or other person designated by the Fire Chief.

4.5. "Municipality" means a county, township, city, or village.

4.6. "Open burning" means kindling or maintaining a fire where the products of combustion are emitted directly into the ambient air without passing through a stack or a chimney. This includes burning on the ground or in a burn barrel.

4.7. "Outdoor burning" means open burning or burning in an outdoor wood furnace or patio woodburning unit.

4.8. "Patio wood-burning unit" means a chiminea, patio warmer, or other portable wood-burning device used for outdoor recreation and/or heating.

4.9. "Refuse" means any waste material except trees, logs, brush, stumps, leaves, grass. clippings, and other vegetative matters.

SECTION 5: GENERAL PROHIBITION ON OPEN BURNING
5.00 General prohibition on open burning.

Open burning is prohibited in VILLAGE OF ADDISON, unless the burning is specifically permitted by this ordinance.

SECTION 6: OPEN BURNING OF REFUSE

6.1. Open burning of refuse from a commercial or industrial establishment is prohibited.

6.2 Open burning of the following materials is prohibited:

6.2.1 Construction and demolition waste except for clean wood.

6.2.2 Hazardous substances including but not limited to batteries, household chemicals, pesticides, used oil, gasoline, paints, varnishes, and solvents.

6.3.3 Furniture and appliances.

6.3.4 Tires.

6.3.5 Any plastic materials in large quantities including but not limited to nylon, PVC, ABS, polystyrene or urethane foam, and synthetic fabrics, plastic films and plastic containers.

6.3.6 Treated or painted wood including but not limited to plywood, composite wood products or other wood products that are painted, varnished or treated with preservatives.

6.3.7 No outside waste of any type or character brought into the village for burning.

SECTION 7: OPEN BURNING OF TREES, LOGS, BRUSH, STUMPS, LEAVES, AND GRASS CLIPPINGS IS PROHIBITED

7.00 Regulations regarding burning trees, logs, brush, stumps, leaves, and grass clippings.

7.1.1. Except for campfires and fires in a Patio Wood Burning Unit, a notice

must be given to the Addison Fire Department in accordance with Section 13 of this ordinance prior to opening burning under this section when the ground is not snow-covered.

7.1.2 Except for barbecue, gas, and charcoal grills, no open burning shall be undertaken during periods when the Governor of Michigan has issued a burning ban applicable to the area.

7.1.3. All allowed campfires and fires in a Patio Wood Burning Unit shall be conducted in a safe, nuisance-free manner, when wind and weather conditions minimize adverse effects and do not create a health hazard or a visibility hazard on roadways, railroads or airfields. campfires shall be conducted in conformance with all local and state fire protection regulations. Campfires shall not exceed 60" diameter by 32" high including flame.

7.1.4. At all times Campfires shall be constantly attended and supervised by a competent person of at least eighteen (18) years of age until the fire is extinguished and is cold. The person shall have readily available for use such fire extinguishing equipment as may be necessary for the total control of the fire.

7.1.5 No materials may be burned upon any street, curb, gutter or sidewalk or on the ice of a lake, pond, stream or water body.

8.00 Patio wood-burning units.

A patio wood-burning unit may be installed in accordance with all the following provisions:

8.1. The patio wood-burning unit shall not be used to burn refuse.

8.2. The patio wood-burning unit shall burn only clean wood.

8.3. The patio wood-burning unit shall be located at least 25 feet from the nearest structure which is not on the same property as the patio wood-burning unit.

8.4. The patio wood-burning unit shall not cause a nuisance to neighbors.

SECTION 9: YARD WASTE
9.00 Yard Waste.

9.1. As an alternative option, natural yard waste, except for construction materials, may be transported to the DPW/Fire Department for controlled burns administered by the DPW/Fire Department, exclusively for village residents and limited to village ard waste only.

SECTION 10: BURNING NOTICE
10.00 Burning Notice.

10.1. Campfires or a fire in a Patio Wood Burning Unit do not require notification provided that the fire complies with all other applicable provisions of this ordinance.

10.2. When the weather conditions warrant, the Fire Chief may temporarily suspend open burning.

10.3 Emergency Conditions: The Fire Chief or designated representative is authorized and directed to declare

when a state of emergency exists with respect to fires within the village to prohibit all outdoor burning. Such emergencies shall be posted at the village of Addison office and such other normal posting locations within the village.

SECTION 11: LIABILITY
11.00 Liability.

A person utilizing or maintaining an outdoor fire shall be responsible for all fire suppression costs and any other liability resulting from damage caused by the fire.

SECTION 12: RIGHT OF ENTRY AND INSPECTION
12.00 Right of entry and inspection.

The Fire Chief or any authorized officer, agent, employee or representative of the VILLAGE OF ADDISON who presents credentials may inspect any property for the purpose of ascertaining compliance with the provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 13: ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES
13.00 Enforcement and penalties.

13.1. The Fire Chief and authorized Village of Addison Ordinance Officers are authorized to enforce the provisions of this ordinance.

13.2. A violation of this Ordinance is a municipal civil infraction, for which the fine shall be not more than\$100.00 for the first offense within a three year period, \$200.00 for a second offense within a three year period, \$400.00 for a third offense within a three year period and for a subsequent offense within a three year period, and such fine shall be in addition to all other costs, attorney fees, damages, expenses, and other remedies as provided by law. For purposes of this section, "subsequent offense" means a violation of the provisions of this Ordinance committed by the same person for the same property within three (3) years of a previous violation of a previous violation of the same provision of this Ordinance for which said person admitted responsibility or was adjudicated to be responsible, provided, however, that offenses committed on subsequent days within a period of one week following the issuance of a citation for a first offense shall be considered separate first offenses.

13.3. In addition to pursuing a municipal civil infraction proceeding pursuant to subsection A hereof, the Township may also initiate an appropriate action in a court of competent jurisdiction seeking injunctive, declaratory, or other equitable relief to enforce or interpret this Ordinance or any provision of the Ordinance.

13.4. All remedies available to the Village under this Ordinance and Michigan law shall be deemed to be cumulative and not exclusive.

13.5. Each and every day during

which a violation of this Ordinance shall exist shall be deemed to be a separate offense.

13.6. Any person, firm or entity that assists with or enables the violation of this Ordinance shall be responsible for aiding and abetting, and shall be considered to have violated the provision of this Ordinance involved for which such aiding and abetting occurred. Furthermore, any attempt to violate this Ordinance shall be deemed a violation of the provision of this Ordinance involved as if the violation had been successful or completed.

RESOLUTION TO RESCIND OPEN FIRE ORDINANCE (Ordinance 1994-1) AND ENACT A REPLACEMENT ORDINANCE

Whereas the state of Michigan recently has issued new criteria for open burning through the Department of Environmental Quality (EAGL); and Whereas, the Village of Addison has not revised its Open Fire Ordinance (Ordinance 1994-1) since December 1987: and Whereas the VILLAGE OF ADDISON desires to bring its burning ordinance into compliance with the practices recommended by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality as its Outdoor Burning Ordinance; and Whereas the existing Ordinance 1994-1 (Open Fire Ordinance) must be rescinded before the new ordinance may be adopted.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the VILLAGE OF ADDISON that:

The Open Fire Ordinance of 1994, also known as Ordinance 1994-1, be rescinded immediately; and

BE FURTHER RESOLVED that an Outdoor Burning Ordinance including the appropriate criteria of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality be adopted and that it replaces Ordinance 1994-1 of the VILLAGE OF ADDISON Governing Ordinances.

Moved moved by Andrew Snow
Seconded by Brian Kent

Motion carried upon a roll call vote at the regular October meeting as follows:
Ayes: 4
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent 1

Robin Hurley
Clerk
Date 09/29/25

Andrew Snow
Village President
Date 09/29/25

LEONI TOWNSHIP

LEONI TOWNSHIP - JACKSON COUNTY, MI 10

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at a Leoni Board of Trustees meeting held on July 8, 2025 at 913 Fifth St. Michigan Center, MI 49254, Chapter 24, Section 6 Ordinance Amendment was adopted by a 7 Aye vote.

Sec. 24-6. Hours of use; using area or facility closed to public.

(a) The township parks shall be closed between sunrise and the hours of 10:00 p.m. and sunset dawn, with the exception of designated boat launching and fishing sites which are being used for such purposes.

(b) No person shall use or occupy any area or facility of any park or playground when such area or facility is closed to the use of the public by order of the township board.

(Code 1995, § 35.107; Code 2003, § 24-6)

HANOVER TOWNSHIP

PUBLIC NOTICE 10

Hanover Township Election Commission
Address: 311 Farview St. Horton, MI 49246
Phone: 517-563-2791
Meeting Date: Wednesday, October 15, 2025
Meeting Time: 10:00 AM
Meeting Location: Hanover Township Main Building

Purpose(s) of Meeting: Perform the Public Accuracy Test for the November 4, 2025 Special Election and any other business that comes before the Commission. The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the program and computer that will be used to tabulate the results of the election have been prepared in accordance with the law.

This notice is posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267 of 1976, as amended, (MCL 41.72a(2)(3)).

Posted on: October 2, 2025
Rachel L. Heath
Clerk

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WATERLOO TOWNSHIP

PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST NOTICE
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The Public Accuracy Test for the November 4th, 2025 Special Election has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 14th, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the Waterloo Township Hall, 9773 Mt. Hope Road, Munith, MI. The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the program and the computer being used to tabulate the results of the election count the votes in the manner as prescribed by law.

Bill Richardson,
Waterloo Township Clerk

LEONI TOWNSHIP

LEONI TOWNSHIP OFFICE
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NOT I CE

The Leoni Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing, Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. in the Leoni Township Meeting Hall, 913 Fifth St., Michigan Center, Michigan, 49254 to amend Section 42 of the ordinance code.

Sec. 42-276. Accessory structures.
(a) No detached accessory building or structure shall be located closer than ten feet to any other building or structure.

(b) All detached accessory structures in any residential district shall be subject to the same dimensional requirements affecting the principal structure; except, however, such accessory structure may be placed not less than five feet from any rear lot line or the rear yard portion of any side lot line and shall not exceed ten 14 feet side wall height with a 4/12 pitch not over 30 feet wide and a maximum total height of 24 feet.

(c) All accessory structures in nonresidential districts shall be subject to the same standards and requirements as specified in the table in section 42-271.
(Code 2003, § 42-276; Ord. of 3-26-2001, § 4.6.5)
*Change residential chart to a maximum height of 24', except RM (Mobile Home)

Sec. 42-354. Preservation of lake shores and river and stream banks.

(a) No person shall alter, change, transform, or otherwise vary the edge, bank, or shore of any lake, river, or stream except as provided for inland lakes and streams in part 301 of Public Act No. 451 of 1994 (MCL 324.30101 et seq.).

(b) If any edge, bank, or shore of any lake, river, or stream is proposed to be altered in any way by any person, that person shall submit to the planning commission a site plan as required in section 42-346. This does not relieve the applicant from complying with requirements of other regulatory agencies.
(c) No structure shall be placed within 50 25 feet of a lake, river, or stream.

(Code 2003, § 42-354; Ord. of 3-26-2001, § 5.14)

Consider Change to RM Setbacks (Mobile Home)

42-347 Zoning Nonconformities Ordinance Amendment to section

(c) (2) Reconstruction. A legal nonconforming structure may be reconstructed, if the nonconformance of the new structure is equal to or less than the nonconformance of the previous structure.

Cindy Norris,
Clerk

WOODSTOCK TOWNSHIP

Woodstock Township
6486 Devils Lake Hwy Addison,
MI 49220
Planning Commission, Public Meeting
Date Posted 10/1/2025

Woodstock Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, October 30, 2025, at 5:00 pm, at 6486 Devils Lake Hwy.

This meeting is for the purpose of Master Plan Review.

Woodstock Planning Commission Quarterly Meeting scheduled for November 13 has been CANCELLED. A reschedule will occur.

John Nicholl
PC Chair

Copies of documents are available for review at 6486 Devils Lake Hwy. Any written comments relating to these meetings can be forwarded to:
Woodstock Township
Attn. Planning Commission
6486 Devils Lake Hwy
Addison, MI 49220

Or emailed to
woodstocktownshipzoning@gmail.com

Matthew SeGraves,
Zoning/Ordinance Administrator

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT AND
DUTIES OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

In the matter of Gary Lyn Burke, deceased

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: TAKE NOTICE

1. On 08/06/2025 I was appointed personal representative as requested in the application or petition for probate of this estate (copy attached unless previously sent). I am serving without bond.

The papers related to the estate are on file with the Jackson County Probate Court located at 312 S Jackson St., Jackson, MI 49201. This is not a supervised administration.

2. Attached was admitted to probate and under which I will administer, manage, and distribute the estate.

3. The court does not supervise the personal representative in the administration of an estate except in limited circumstances.

4. If I was appointed informally, you or another interested person may petition the court objecting to my appointment and/or demanding that I post a bond or an additional bond. The petition must be filed with the probate court along with the applicable fee. Unless the court grants the petition, I will continue to serve as appointed.

5. You or another interested person may petition for a hearing by the court on any matter at any time during the administration of the estate, including for distribution of assets and allowance of expenses of administration. The petition must be filed with the probate court along with the applicable fee.

6. If you continue to be an interested person (such as an heir of an intestate estate or devisee or beneficiary under the will of the decedent), I will provide you with: 1) a copy of the inventory within 91 days of my appointment; 2) unless waived by you, a copy of an account including fiduciary fees and attorney fees charged to the estate, within 1 year of my appointment; and 3) a copy of the closing statement or settlement petition when the estate is ready for closing.

7. To avoid penalties, I must have paid any federal estate and Michigan estate taxes within 9 months after the date of the decedent's death or another time period specified by law.

8. The estate may not be closed earlier than 5 months after the date of my appointment except in limited circumstances. If the estate is not settled within 1 year after my appointment, within 28 days after the anniversary of the appointment, I must file with the court and send to each interested person a notice that the estate remains under administration and the reason for the continuation of the estate. If you do not receive such a notice, you may petition the court for a hearing on the necessity for continued administration or for closure of the estate.

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Onsted youth
place at state



Joel Sniegowski, 10th grader at Onsted, won first place at districts in Class IV of the Michigan Americanism essay contest. Photo courtesy of Larry Pohl.



Madelyn Mullins, sixth grader at Onsted won third place at districts in Class II of the Americanism Essay contest. Carla Pohl, Durkee-Seager Unit 550 Auxiliary member, awarded her a certificate and scholastic check. Photo courtesy of Legion member Larry Pohl.

By Michelle McLemore
Staff writer

Two Onsted school students placed at the state district level for the 2025 Michigan Americanism essay contest and received awards and prizes on September 30 by Durkee Seager Post 550 American Legion and Auxiliary personnel.

Sophomore Joel Sniegowski won first place for his grade level while Madelyn Mullins, sixth grader, won third place in her class at the state level.

The Americanism essay contest was designed to help students explore the concept of patriotism and their place as Americans. As a nation-wide program, it encourages students in grades 3-12 to explore the rights and freedoms of U.S. citizens.

The theme for the 2026 contest will be “Celebrating America’s 250th Birthday and the Veterans who Fought for Our Freedom.”

Nature’s Adventures continued

While not instantly fatal, ingesting of skunk spray can lead to a rare but serious and possibly life-threatening condition called Heinz body anemia. Symptoms are loss of appetite, lethargy, vomiting and pale brownish gums. The chemicals in the spray can cause oxidative damage to the dog’s red blood cells, which in this case could be fatal and would require immediate attention from a vet and may require a blood transfusion. The symptoms can appear hours or days later. Megan did her research and contacted Apollo’s vet. The good news is that after a few days Apollo has only had some stomach issues and does not want to eat much, but he is on the mend. I can’t imagine the after-taste of skunk spray.

Yuck!
Hopefully, this will be a lesson for Apollo to stay clear from skunks. And if someone double-dares you to do something, you’d better think twice. After all, I don’t mean to “alarm you”, but it might not be too pleasant.