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Bookmark contest winners selected

Congratulations to these students who created winning bookmarks during Reading Month.

Eighth grade

First place

Lyra McCrocklin

Second place

Faith Pomerantz

Third place

Aymie Lee

Seventh grade

First place

Olivia Prentice

Second place

Madison Hanley

Third place

Jaelyn Wallace

Sixth grade

First place

Reese Vargo

Second place

Madeline Dolan

Third place

Erin Martello

Fifth grade

First place

Kendall Page

Second place

Braelynn Watters

Third place

Erin Evans

Davison Community Schools Building Beat



House of Cards heading to Houston for World competition

The House of Cards is heading to Houston, Texas, to participate in the World Championship August 19-22. The team competed last weekend at Saginaw Valley State University in the FRC Michigan Championship, where they ranked 5th out of 40 teams in the Ford Field Division. They moved up to be the 4th Alliance Captain and competed in the Playoffs with their chosen Alliance. These two teams were Romeo's The Byting Bulldogs and Rochester's Cyber Cats. Unfortunately, they fell in round 3.



Robot driver Peyton Spodney, co-driver Chloe Thompson, human player Laney Wolschleger and robot technician Caden Tucker.

During their 2023 season, thus far, the House of Cards have received two Team awards: the Team Spirit Award and Creativity Award. In addition, Coach Chris Purdy was nominated by his students for the Woodie Flowers award. This is a very prestigious award at First Robotics. This is Chris's 13th year as Head Coach of The House of Cards and he is one of three finalists from Michigan.

The House of Cards ultimately has been ranked as the 65th team out of 479 Michigan First Robotics teams.

DHS sophomore wins local Voice of Democracy contest

After a week of writing, several revisions and multiple peer reviews, Davison High School sophomore **Quinn McCrocklin** was finally satisfied with his submission for the Voice of Democracy contest. The theme for the audio-essay program, which has been the Veterans of Foreign Wars' (VFW) premier scholarship program for high school students since 1947, was about the importance of veterans.

Quinn's essay was one of 12 submitted to the local VFW Post 4087 and Auxiliary.

"He won hands down," said **Roxann Lindsay**, President of Auxiliary Post 4087 and District 10. "He put his heart and soul and a lot of thought into it."

While Quinn's speech did not advance at the District level, he did earn \$600 in scholarship money from the local Davison post, Lindsay said.

"The Voice of Democracy essay contest is an amazing opportunity to try something new and support veterans," Quinn said. "I met a lot of great people and had fun. If you win, you are honored at a banquet, you get a certificate and you even win some scholarship money. It was an all-around great experience for me and I'm really glad I gave it a shot. I highly encourage anyone interested to enter next year's contest."

Lindsay said the themes for next year's contests have already been released: "What are the greatest attributes of our democracy?" is the theme for the Voice of Democracy essay contest for students in grades nine through 12. The Patriot's Pen, an essay contest for students in grades six through eight, has the theme: "How are you inspired by America?" More information about deadlines and where to submit entries will be shared at a later date but Lindsay said that summertime is a perfect time for students to begin creating and working on their essays.

After high school, Quinn said he plans on venturing into the medical field.

"While I don't know precisely what job I want to pursue, I love the idea of one day helping people and saving lives," he said. "Currently, I am debating between pursuing a higher education at U of M, my dream school, or joining the Army and practicing medicine there."

You can read Quinn's speech on Page 3.



Quinn makes cards during the Valentines for Veterans project at Davison High School earlier this year.

Cardinals of the Month named for March at Davison Middle School

Congratulations to the following students named as Cardinals of the Month for March at Davison Middle School:

Seventh Grade

- **Darrick Bishop** - Nominated by Mrs. Davis
- **Leah Underwood** - Nominated by Mrs. Kerr

Eighth Grade

- **Bryce Hoggard** - Nominated by Mr. Derosa
- **Ella Nolan** - Nominated by Mrs. Pattee

The image features a stylized American flag graphic. The top left corner shows the blue field with white stars, and the bottom right corner shows the red field with white stripes. The title "The Importance of Veterans" is centered at the top in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

The Importance of Veterans

By: Quinn McCrocklin

Veterans play a crucial role in society. Each year, thousands of brave Americans choose to honor their country by enlisting their service in one of the five branches. These heroes make selfless sacrifices for the country and deserve nothing less than the respect of every American. The theme "Why is the Veteran important?" requires a deep comprehension of the topic to fully answer. To effectively satisfy the question, it is important to not only understand what a Veteran is, but to also understand the importance and the impact of the Veteran. Every day, America and all its citizens should thank Veterans for the protection of its cherished freedoms and liberties.

A Veteran is someone who supports their nation by serving in the military. These courageous Americans have put themselves in harm's way to ensure the security of the country. They also display remarkable characteristics such as bravery, wisdom, vigor and patriotism. These admirable traits have assisted many past U.S. Presidents in leading the country. Out of the forty-six U.S. Presidents, starting with the honorable George Washington, who led the Continental Army to the birth of this great nation in the year 1776, a majority have served the military. Furthermore, Veterans display an abundance of pride and care for the nation. The valor Veterans manage to exhibit in the face of adversity, while both in and out of service, is absolutely profound. Thus, Veterans are truly extraordinary people and valuable members of society. The American Veteran is, beyond doubt, the epitome of Patriotism in this great country.

Without the service and prowess of Veterans, America would certainly not be the same. Veterans have defended America and its interest in times of great turmoil. These brave Americans traveled to foreign lands, such as in The Korean War, The Vietnam War, The Gulf War, and Afghanistan, all for their home and loved ones. They persevered through unimaginably terrible times and conditions for the security of the nation. These lionhearted people risked their lives and futures for the safety and freedom of all Americans. Veterans fearlessly protected the country through the toughest of times to guarantee the rights of every American citizen.

In addition to their noble defense of the homeland, they continue to aid the country outside of service. Veterans act as influential mentors to the next generation. They give valuable insight on past events and share wisdom based on their background. These experienced heroes of the country share advice to rookie recruits, helping to foster the next generation of Veterans. On top of that, Veterans inspire a sense of integrity and patriotism across all of America. An example of Veteran humanitarianism is former Naval Lieutenant and President, Jimmy Carter, who to this day, still actively supports his community through his charity work with Habitat for Humanity. All these reasons prove how crucial Veterans are to society. Veterans are important because they help protect this glorious nation and are helping to shape its bright future.

In conclusion, Veterans are essential to American society. These exemplary Patriots bring key values to the nation. Their heroic protection of freedom in times of peril was critical to the survival of the country. Also, Veterans play an important role in strengthening the next generations of Americans. Even after their final day of service in uniform, Veterans continue to serve their country in invaluable ways. WW2 Veteran, John F. Kennedy once proclaimed, "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." So, appreciate these revered individuals as they are an important piece of America's history: past, present, and future.