L.I.F.E. Skills Lowdown

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HELLO SUMMER

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

Graduation!

On May 27th we had our L.I.F.E Skills graduation where we celebrated 9 graduating students and their families.

















Lego Grant







Alesia Walsh received a grant for the LIFE Skills students to purchase legos sets for learning, leisure and diving deep into hobbies!

RHS Clap-Out

On May 14th, RHS Seniors did their last walk through the halls and our L.I.F.E Skills students made signs for the Special occasion to wish them good luck.









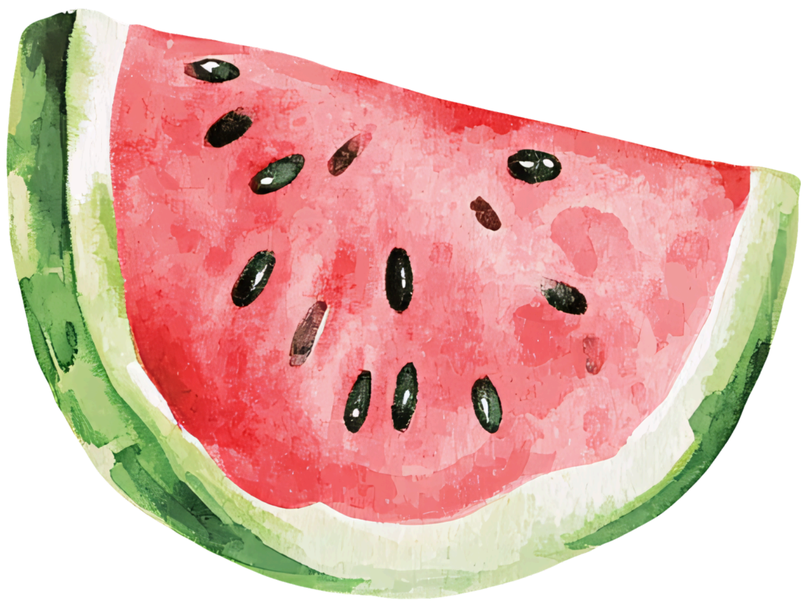






Shout Out to ALL SPEECH- LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS!!
We appreciate their help to be the best communicators possible!
May 18th

ASK THE AUDIENCE



What do you look forward to in the summer?

Written by: Gavin Lumetta

Michael- The Beach
Gavin- Spending time with family
Mitch- Swimming at SCAMP
Mendy F- The Sunshine
Jaden- SCAMP
Rachel- Go to Tennesee
Kelly- Going to Traverse City
Matthew- Baseball
Jordan M- Lake Michigan
Sarah- The On My Own Program
Lisa P- The Summer Vacation
Mackenzie P- Spending time with family and friends
Bridget K- All the super fresh fruit and veggies
Brenden- Playing baseball
Tim T- Watching baseball and golf
Megan- Going on vacation
Jillian C- Going to concerts



Go check out Pawsome Fries at PetWants on Sashabaw Rd.

Pawsome Fries



POPCORN PERSPECTIVES

BY: DELANEY DIXON



How to train your dragon is about a misfit boy named Hiccup who lives on the Isle of Berk. He is a Viking and he doesn't fit in with the rest of his village. His father is the chief of the tribe. The main characters are Hiccup, Astrid, Snotlot, Fishleg, and the twins.

Vikings fight dragons every night but one night Hiccup shoots down a night fury named Toothless.

No one in the village believed him. The next morning he went to the woods to try to find the dragon that he shot down. When he tried to kill the night fury he can't bring himself to do it.

During the movie, Hiccup is the first Viking to ever train a dragon. When his dad finds out, he is very mad and wants to get rid of the night fury. When he gets to the dragon's nest, they all wake up Red Death, which is the biggest dragon ever.

At the end of the movie all the Vikings learn that the dragons are not bad and everyone gets a dragon.

I think you should watch this movie because it is really cute and one of the best Dream Works movies.

One of my favorite parts of the movie is when Hiccup and Toothless go on their first test drive with the tail that Hiccup made for Toothless.





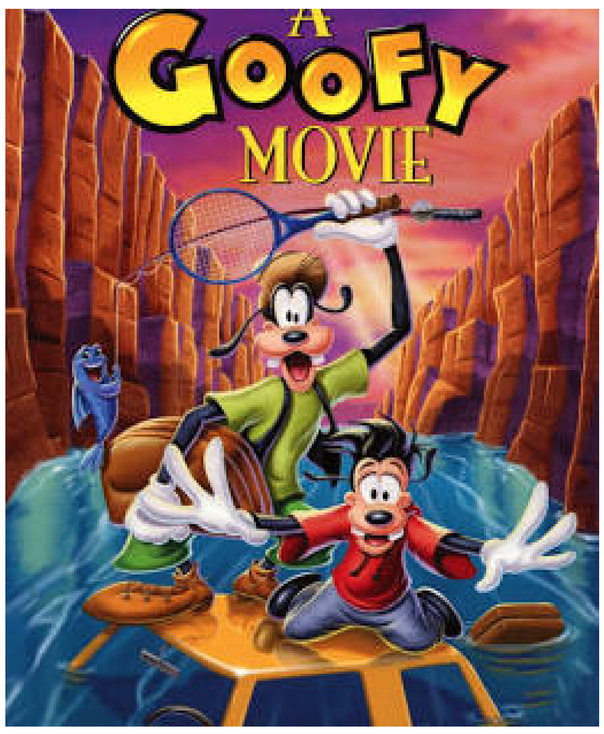
LOL!

Laugh out LOUD!

By: Kyle Stomp







A Goofy Movie
Rating G
Running time 1h 20 min
1995



The movie is called A Goofy Movie.

Overall, I thought the humor in this movie was silly!

The Destinations: If you had to choose between going to Lester's Possum Park or a Powerline concert, which would you pick and why? Power line concert, I would want to walk around and see everyone.

The character who made me laugh the most was Goofy.

I thought they were so funny because of his ha-ha-hooey laugh.

Who is my favorite character? Max!

My absolute favorite funny scene in the whole movie was when Max and Goofy were sitting on top of their car singing.

A joke or quote that actually made me laugh out loud was When Goofy says "Big Foot."

The best visual joke was when Goofy and his son were walking around at the concert.

You should definitely watch this movie if you like Goofy and music.

For our "Laugh Out Loud" column, I give this movie 6 out of 5 laughs!

"A life without love is like a year without summer." - Anonymous

"Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see the shadows." -Helen Keller

"It is the artist's business to create sunshine when the sun fails." - Romain Rolland

"If you want to shine like the sun, first burn like the sun." -Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam

Positive MIND Positive Vibes

By: Milo Valascho

OUR GRADUATES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Joe McGinty


Milo Valascho

Amazing Animals in The Mitten

By: Shane Craig



Blue-spotted Salamanders



Scientific Name: Ambystoma Laterale
Weight: 10 to 14 cm.
Length: 3 to 5.5 inches (7.6 to 14cm) in total length.
Live: In Michigan and are relatively common throughout the state, particularly in moist woodlands. They're found across Michigan, including the Upper Peninsula.

Fact: Blue Spotted Salamanders are mildly poisonous. They secrete a toxic, milky, and sticky substance from their tails when threatened by predators, but this toxin is not dangerous to humans; it can cause skin irritation and may carry Salmonella.

Fact: They are nocturnal and carnivorous predators on invertebrates (animals without a backbone).

Fact: They can regrow a functional limb, complete with bones, muscles, and nerves, without scarring.



The American Bullfrog

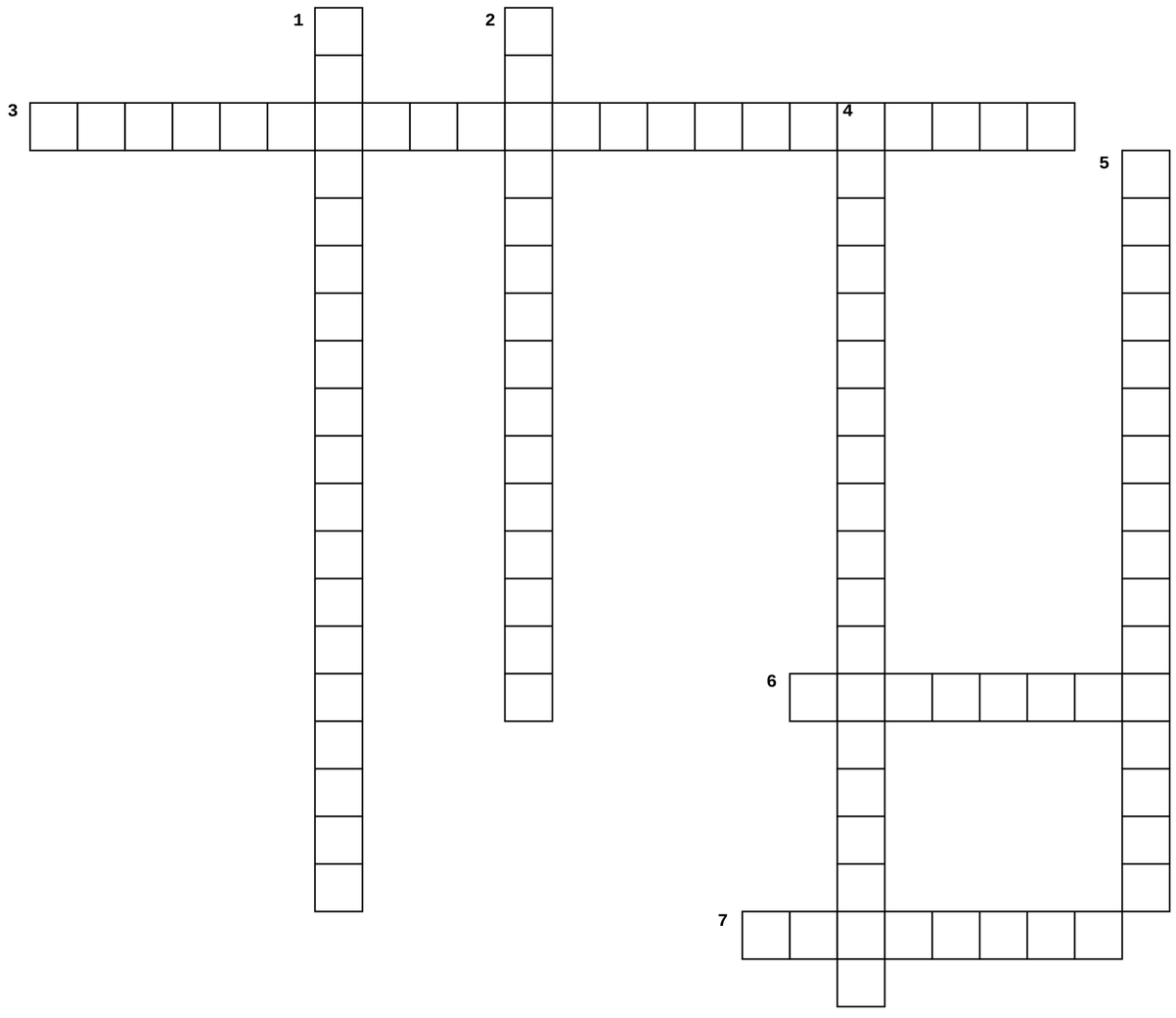
Scientific Name: Lithobates catesbeianus
Weight: 1 - 1.5 pounds, with large individuals capable of reaching up to 2 pounds.
Length: 3.5 to 6 inches from snout to vent.
Live: They inhabit permanent bodies of water, such as lakes, ponds, and slow-moving rivers throughout the state, preferring areas with abundant vegetation.



Fact: They typically live for 7-10 years in the wild, with some sources narrowing that average to 7-9 years.

Fact: They are highly voracious ambush predators that eat almost any creature that fits in their wide mouths, including fish, rodents, birds, snakes, and other frogs.

Fact: Only the male Bullfrog can croak in a sound like "jug-o-rum" or "vrrr-rooom," which can travel over a quarter-mile away, produced by forcing air into their lungs and vocal sac under the throat.



Amazing Animals Crossword Puzzle

"For my last piece in the Lowdown I wanted to add something fun for all the animals I wrote about this year. I hope you enjoyed learning about them as much as I did."
-Shane

Down

1. have ever-growing incisor teeth; they wear them down by eating grass. Woodchuck/ Groundhog

2. Their name comes from the Algonquian word "moosh," meaning "eater of twigs." Midwestern Moose

4. When sensing danger, will strike the surface of the water with its flat tail to create a loud, warning slap. North American Beaver

5. They typically live for 7-10 years in the wild, with some sources narrowing that average to 7-9 years. American Bullfrog

Across

3. They are nocturnal and carnivorous predators on invertebrates (animals without a backbone). Blue-spotted Salamanders

6. can rotate their head up to 270 degrees in either direction. Snowy Owl

7. Paws size is 3.5 to 5 inches long and 3 to 4.5 inches wide Grey Wolf

Special Olympics Basketball Fundraiser Game

Written By: Julia Ziesmer



When: It was May 7, 2026 at 4:00 pm

Where: CJHS Gym

Sponsors: TIPPIN FENCE - Gold team
BULL'S-EYE Wire and Cable - Blue team

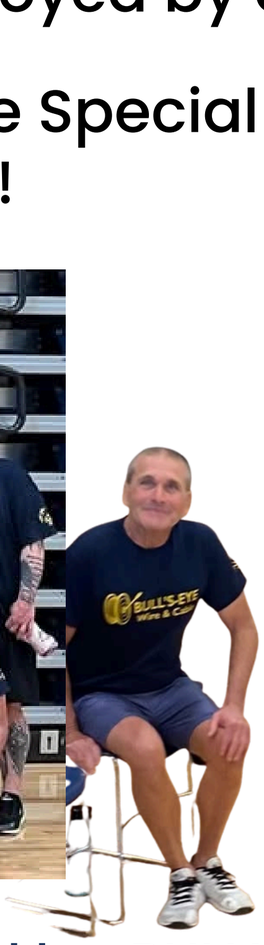
WHO: Staff and supporters from the district played. Students from the Special Olympics basketball team coached! Many spectators came to watch.

What: An entertaining basketball game was played and enjoyed by all.

Why: The purpose of this event was to raise money for the Special Olympics basketball team. We raised over $1000!









Gold- Sponsored by: TIPPIN FENCE

COACHES- Julia Ziesmer & Connor Graybill

3 Matt McKay- L.I.F.E Skills
4 Logan Aird- Supporter
5 Stephanie Simony- L.I.F.E Skills
6 Carolyn Clark- CCS
7- Kyle Maten- Supporter
9 Kayarri Ellis- CHS
11 Gary Bigger- RHS
12 Todd Stomp
14 Jordan McAboy- L.I.F.E Skills
21 Tami Shahin- Transportation
30 Michelle Preston- Transportation
40 Aleigha Maten- L.I.F.E Skills





Announcer- Kyle Stomp

Blue- Sponsored by: BULL'S-EYE Wire and Cable

COACHES- Rachel Holtslag & Gavin Lumetta

1 Kerri Maynor- Transportation
2 Dennis Popaj- Supporter
3 Kelly Arnold- L.I.F.E Skills
5 Kim Strader- CCS
9 Frank Murray- L.I.F.E Skills
10 Jason Aird- Supporter
11 Lorie Loch- CCS
13 Maddie Zacharias- Supporter
22 Greg Warner- CHS
24 Jared Lawrence- L.I.F.E Skills
33 Jen Welch- CJHS/ SMS
44 Brandon Lewis- L.I.F.E Skills

“I Auto Know…”

By: Dylan Perkins

Watercar EV

Requested By:
Jillian Conrad!



My Top 3 Facts About This Car

1. This Car Is Rare!

2. The WaterCar EV is an Amazing Boat Car!

3. This Car Is Perfect For Summer!

2026 Ford Transit 350HD XL 15 Passenger Van

My Top 3 Facts About This Car

1. This Car Is Awesome!

2. The 2026 Ford Transit 350HD Is A Reliable Van!

3. This Car Is Perfect For Fleets!



Car Type:15 Passenger Van
Fuel Economy (MPG) When New:- City/- Highway/- Combined

Question:
Is The Transit The Best Van Of 2026?



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