

## Springfield Elks Lodge 1560 Announces Lodge & State Americanism Essay Winners

The Springfield Elks Lodge #1560 is pleased to announce the winners of this year's 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade divisions of the Americanism Essay Contest for students at Riverside Middle School. The Theme for this essay was "What does Patriotism Mean to Me"

Participants must submit an essay not to be more than 300 words in length, must be typed or legibly printed in ink, and submitted as written by the entrant.

Lodge - 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner (\$100.00) - 7<sup>th</sup> grade division - Teagan Simoneau

Lodge - 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner (\$100.00) – 8<sup>th</sup> grade division – Weston Peck

Lodge - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner – 8<sup>th</sup> grade division – Leslie "Tate" Simoneau



*Essay Winners Pictured from L to R: Teagan Simoneau, Leslie Simoneau, Weston Peck  
with Elks Lodge 1560 Americanism Chair Jacqueline Driscoll*

Their essays were submitted to the VT State Elks Association's Americanism committee to represent our lodge in the State Judging portion of this contest. In the state judging round, the 1st place winner from each division continues to represent the state of VT in the National judging contest.

While our lodge did not have a 1st place winner, we are immensely proud to announce that Teagan Simoneau did finish in 2nd place in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade division for the State contest.



*State Runner Up - Teagan Simoneau*