## **Our Voice**

### **Tri-Village Local Schools**





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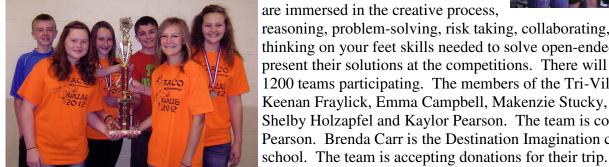
# Destination Imagination

The Tri-Village 7th & 8th grade Destination Imagination team placed first at their regional competition and competed April 21 in the state competition. They would like to thank the New Madison Kiwanis Club and the school for their support.

Placing second at state qualified them to compete in the Global Competition. The Globals will be held at the University of Tennessee May 23-26. This competition will feature unique solutions for Improv, Theater Arts, Community Service and STEM challenges. Destination Imagination is an

educational program where students are immersed in the creative process,

reasoning, problem-solving, risk taking, collaborating, presenting and thinking on your feet skills needed to solve open-ended challenges and to present their solutions at the competitions. There will be approximately 1200 teams participating. The members of the Tri-Village team are: Keenan Fraylick, Emma Campbell, Makenzie Stucky, Casey Puckett, Shelby Holzapfel and Kaylor Pearson. The team is coached by Kathy Pearson. Brenda Carr is the Destination Imagination coordinator for the



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# MY FAVORITE TEACHER

Barnes and Noble My Favorite Teacher programs provided students with the opportunity to tell their communities how much they appreciate their teachers. Teachers from grades 1 through 12 were eligible for nomination. Seth Thomas, from Tri-Village High School, nominated his teacher, Mrs. Puckett, by writing an essay to share how she influenced his life and why he appreciates and admires her. Mrs. Puckett won the award for the Dayton area My Favorite Teacher!!! She will be placed in continued competitions for more awards and honors to come.

#### **DEREK HEMMELGARN** STATE COMPETITION

Congratulations to the Darke County Slammers for placing 2nd at State. Derek Hemmelgarn participated on the team. We are very proud of Derek, the team and all their accomplishments. They practiced and played hard all year and deserve this recognition.



#### **Quinton Gray Qualifies** for The National HOSA's

Congratulations to Quinton Gray for placing high enough at the state competition to earn a spot at the National HOSA's on June 18th in Orlando Florida.



# FFA Spring Flower Sale

The Tri-Village FFA Chapter will once again hold their Spring Flower Sale. Students in the Agricultural Science classes have been raising seedlings and plugs in the greenhouse. The students have been learning about proper care of plants and how to operate a greenhouse. The

greenhouse is equipped with some of the most technologically advanced greenhouse equipment. The greenhouse was donated by Ludy's Greenhouse and has been a great advantage to the students in the agricultural programs at the Tri-Village High School. The FFA will be selling assorted flowers including: Marigolds, Impatiens, Vinca Vines, Geraniums, Petunia, and more. Also available will be a select amount of vegetables including: pep-



pers, and tomatoes. Hanging Baskets are \$15.00 and Flats are \$12.00 or \$24.00. The sale began April 16<sup>th</sup> and will be open weekdays from 2-5pm. If you have any questions feel free to contact the Ag. Dept. at (937) 996-1511 ext. 337. All proceeds will go to support the Tri-Village FFA members and their activities.

#### DARKE COUNTY WRITING CONTEST



**Lissa Siler** – First place in fiction for "The RunawayPresent."

Addie Miller – Second place in fiction for "The Magic Tree."

**Abbi Lipps** – Third place in fiction for "The First Candy Cane."

Five students in Mrs. Chronister's class won awards for their submissions in the Darke County Writing Contest. Their entries will be submitted to the Central Ohio Writing Contest. They were all awarded certificates, and some received coupons from McDonalds, and movie tickets to Wayne Theater.

# Finalist in Central Ohio Writing Contest

Congratulations to Lissa Siler a 4th grader in Mrs. Chronister's Class was invited to the Central Ohio Awards Ceremony on May 8th at 7:00 p.m. at Jerome High School in Dublin Ohio where the winners will be announced.

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## FFA BANQUET/AWARDS

"The Tri-Village FFA held its annual banquet on Sunday March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The banquet celebrated the accomplishments that the FFA members accumulated over the past year.

To begin the ceremony Dylen Price, Sentinel, introduced and thanked all of the guest of the Tri-Village FFA. Included in the list of guest were teachers, staff members, board members, and administration from Tri-Village and MVCTC. Members were recognized for there participation in various chapter activities and new levels of degree membership attained.

The first sets of awards were given to members who participated in Career Development Events (CDE) this past year. The Farm Business Management Team place 13<sup>th</sup> in the State for the written contest that took place before the 2011 State Convention, members on the team were Brittany Martin, JR Fickert, Clayton Murphy, Austin Mikesell, Taylor Collins, Brian Swihart, Dale Brewer, Alex Massie, Cassie Cummins, Josiah Colson, Sara Filby, Kenny Kautz, Hannah Thomas, Layton White, Tucker Stahl and Taylor Dill. Participants in the soil judging contest were Kaylee Godown, Alan Bradshaw, Travis Frech, Justin Royer, Rob Mackey, Austin Mikesell, Chris Brandenburg, Brittnay Martin, Dylen Price and Austen Frech. Both the Advanced and Greenhand Parliamentary Procedure Teams received gold ratings at the county contest. The advanced team consisted of Clayton Murphy, Tommy Bell, Austin Mikesell, Trent Laux, Chris Brandenburg, Taylor Dill, Dylen Price, and Brittany Martin. Greenhand Team consisted of Emily Hunt, Ashley Rowe, Katie Stump, Keona George, Tiffany Mogle, Alyssia Brooks, Cole Brewer, and Jesse Bright. This year's creed speaker was Emily Hunt. Taylor Dill competed in the Extemporanous Speaking Contest. The Food Science Team members were recognized, those members were Mykenzie Neanen, Alexis Nelson, Grace Brubaker, and Andrea Bruabaker. The Tractor Trouble shooting team won the county contest and place high at districts, the team members were Trent Laux and Jacob Schepis. The final CDE's recognized were the Spring Judging Teams: General Livestock Judging -Brittany Martin, Ashley Rowe, Tyler Thobe, Clayton Murphy, Alisha Hollinger, Emily Hunt, Mykenzie Neanen, Dylen Price, Keona George, Alyssia Brooks, and Jenna Cline. Wildlife Management – JR Fickert, Gabe Watern, and Jesse Bright. Agronomy – Trent Laux, Kody Fourman, Tommy Bell, Taylor Dill, Chris Brandenburg, and Cole Brewer.

Special Awards were also given to members that excelled throughout the past year. Top fruit sales persons award were presented to Jenna Cline – 3<sup>rd</sup>, Trent Laux - 2<sup>nd</sup>, Cole Brewer- 1<sup>st</sup>. Another special award is the Leadership Award given to members that have gone above and beyond in and out of the classroom, those winners were Gabe Watern, Dylen Price, and JR Fickert.

The Tri-Village FFA Senior Members were Honored with a certificate and slideshow highlighting their 4 years of dedication to the chapter. The 2012 Seniors were Andrea Brubaker, JR Fickert, Kaylee Godown, Zack Jones, Kenny Kautz, Brittany Martin, Austin Mikesell, Alex Oda, Tucker Stahl, Dustin Warren, and Layton White.



(Honorary Chapter Degree Recipients)

The 2012 Tri-Village FFA Honorary Chapter Degree Recipients were Beth and Doug Martin. They are seen here with the 2011-2012 Tri-Village Officer Team.

Proficiency Awards are given to those members that excel in hours worked and competencies gain in there SAE (Supervised Agricultural Experience). This year the Tri-Village FFA had three members apply for those awards. Jorden Price applied in the Agricultural Communications Area. Jorden was the Farm News Director at WTGR Radio in Greenville; her task included researching ag news stories and grain bids then recording them for air on the radio. Jorden placed in the top 2 in the district and is a State Finalist and she will interview for her award at the State FFA Convention in May. Megann Hunt applied in the area of Beef Production. Megann has raised and showed Beef Cattle well before she started her FFA Ca-



reer. Megann placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the district. Austin Mikesell applied in the areas of Beef Production, Grain Production and Diversified Crop Placement. Austin raises dairy beef steers and works at S&K Farms for his grandparents were he tends to all aspects of the farm operation. Austin also works for Martin Farms where he has amassed a plethora of hours and learned numerous skills. Austin's Beef Proficiency placed 2<sup>nd</sup> at districts, his grain production award placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the district and his diversified crop proficiency placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the district and is a state finalist and he will also interview at the state convention in May.

The members in each grade were presented with the Outstanding Member Awards. Chapter Advisor Mr. Brian Pohlman talked about each member's involvement and then presented him or her with a plaque commemorating his or her hard work. They were: Freshman-Trent Laux, Sophomore-Chris Brandenburg, Juniors-Taylor Dill, and Seniors-Brittany Martin. The highest award for a freshman to receive is the Star Greenhand, this years winner was Emily Hunt. The Star Chapter Farmer award is given to the member that has excelled in a SAE that is related directly to the Farm, this year's recipient was Tucker Stahl. The Star Chapter Ag Placement award is given to the member that works in a placement ag area, this year's recipient was Austin Mikesell. The top award for the evening was the Dekalb Agricultural Accomplishment Award that recognizes not only one's personal success in the FFA but also recognizes what they have done to assist younger members, this years recipient was Austin Mikesell. The final award of the night was the Honorary Chapter Degree. This honor is bestowed on members of the school or community for their contributions to the success of the chapter. This year's Honorary Chapter Degree was presented to Doug and Beth Martin.

The ceremony was concluded with the inductions of the 2012-2013 Tri-Village Officer Team. President Taylor Dill, Vice-President Clayton Murphy, Secretary Dylen Price, Treasurer Emily Hunt, Reporter Chris Brandenburg, Sentinel Tyler Thobe, and Historian Megann Hunt. The Tri-Village FFA would like to thank everyone for their support of the chapter and remind them that the Spring Flower Sale began April 16<sup>th</sup>."



(Outstanding Members) The 2012 Tri -Village Outstanding Member Award Recipients. Trent Laux – Outstanding Freshman, Chris Brandenburg – Outstanding Sophomore, Taylor Dill – Outstanding Junior, and Brittany Martin – Outstanding Senior





(**Dekalb Agriculture Accomplishment Award**) The 2012 Dekalb Agriculture Accomplishment Award is present by Monsanto Representative Janelle Brinksneader to Austin Mikesell.