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State DECA winners: (Left Photo) Sophia Cerniglia, Jessica Shelton, Delaney Mullenix, Hillary Mullenix, Nikole Dirkse and Jena Pier. (Right Photo) Lindsey Timmer, Carly Hoekenga, Kristine Harig, Shelby Ray, Cameron Cejmer and Courtnee Cutler.



DECA students take top honors

(Submitted by Fruitport High School)

In early January, 46 Fruitport DECA members traveled to Ferris State University to compete in district competition. Of those 46 students, 31 were top in their occupational areas and were awarded medals. Twenty-five students were overall finalist medal winners and have moved on to DECA's state competition.

The following students took top honors and won medals in their individual occupational areas: Lindsey Timmer, exam, two role play medals and overall finalist in marketing management; Emily Hoffman, test, two role-play medals, and overall finalist in marketing management; Anna Stone and Jayna Stone, overall finalists in fashion merchandising; Matt Leindecker, role-play in principles of hospitality; Alexis Brown, exam and overall finalist in principles of hospitality; Courtnee Cutler, exam, role-play and overall finalist in principles of marketing; Shelby Ray, exam, role-play and overall finalist in principles of marketing; Cynthia Carmean, exam in principles of marketing; Nick Hubbard, two role-play and overall medal finalist in automotive services; Carly Hoek-

enga, exam and overall finalist in business services; Nicole Prinz, exam in food marketing; Paige Hancock, exam and overall finalist in food marketing; Kristine Harig, overall finalist in hotel and lodging management; Nicole Dirkse, overall finalist in travel and tourism; Sarah Douglas, two role-play medals in quick serve restaurant management; Jessica Shelton, two role-play medals and overall finalist in restaurant and food service management; Cameron Cejmer, overall finalist in restaurant and food service management; Austin Soller, exam and role-play winner in restaurant and food service management; Ray Bowne and Tyler Stever, role-play and overall team finalists in business law and ethics; Julie Keeney and Sarah Deering, role-play and overall team finalists in business law and ethics; Mallory Vest, medal in travel and tourism exam; Sophia Cerniglia and Delaney Mullenix, overall finalists in hospitality tourism management; Hillary Mullenix and Jena Pier, overall finalists in hospitality tourism management; Brian Rollenhagen, exam medal winner for sports and entertainment marketing; Jordan Tejchma and Karlyn Crotty, overall medal winners in travel and tourism; Marissa Hilliard and Julie Larson, overall medal winners in travel and tourism. •

Fruitport Community Schools' summer recreation programs

(Submitted by Fruitport Community Schools)

Fruitport Community Schools is enrolling students for spring and summer learn to swim classes as well as summer sports camps in volleyball, soccer, basketball, golf, tennis, and speed training. Some class sizes are limited. Tuition is discounted if enrolled prior to June 1 for all summer classes and camps.

For more information, call 865-4036, or preview information on the district website, www.fruitportschools.net. •

FMS track success

(Submitted by Ken Erny)

Congratulations to the Fruitport Middle School track teams who recently competed in the Muskegon area track invitational. The boys' team edged Mona Shores to take the championship in the seven-team field, and the girls finished runner-up to Mona Shores. Both teams have shown huge participation numbers and a promising future for Trojan athletics. The Trojan head coaches are Jamie Stahl and Rachel Kent.

Shettler holds reading challenge

(Submitted by Norm Heerema)

This winter, Shettler Elementary held its first annual "Rise Up and Read" reading challenge for fourth and fifth grade students as a reading incentive program.

Fifteen titles of books were identified: eight fiction, six nonfiction and one picture book. Students were asked to read one book from each category and pass the Accelerated Reader quiz for the book.

All students who completed the 15 books during the time frame and who have earned a total of 50 or more Accelerated Reader points between December 1, 2009 and March 31, 2010, were invited to a Craig's Cruisers Get-Away adventure and a sleepover held at the school.

Congratulations to the 12 students who completed this year's challenge. They are: Fourth graders Makenzie Fairfield, Mary Hedges, Elijah Ver Merris and Morgan Zielinski; and fifth graders Rylee Cooper, Erik Lee, Katelynn Meister, Nathan Strand, Kirsten Sweet, Shelby Thurston, Angelica Wodzisz and Taylor Zylstra. •

Farmer John visits Beach School

By Mary Weimer

Preschoolers through second graders got a first-hand look at some farm animals on Monday, May 3. "Farmer John," as he is known, visited the school, bringing some of his farm animals with him. Students were educated about farm animals and had the opportunity to see a few up them up close. Farmer John visits the school each year. •

Third graders hold successful art auction

At a recent event at Shettler School, the third graders auctioned off their artwork. They each created a ceramic textured vessel to auction. Parents and friends came to bid on each piece. The money raised was given to the Red Cross to benefit the rescue efforts in Haiti. The auction raised just over \$300.

Shettler students visit Chicago

On Wednesday, May 5, the fifth graders, along with 33 parents, traveled to Chicago. This is a one-day trip to experience the Museum of Science and Industry, the Shedd Aquarium, and a tour on the Chicago River.

Fifth graders to attend Maple Ridge School

All three fifth grade classes will be spending a day at the Maple Ridge School. This experience gives the students a real taste of the one room school house and how life was back then.

Spring Program presented at Shettler Elementary

On May 12, the first and second graders performed their spring program. It is directed by Mrs. Sluiter, our music teacher. First graders sang songs and recited poetry having to do with spring, and second graders performed "Everyday is Earth Day."

Publishing Day at Shettler

Shettler will hold its first-ever publishing day on Thursday, May 20. Every student in grades K through five will have a piece of their writing published and on display in their classroom. Parents and students will be invited to this open house event from 6 to 7 p.m. to read what students are writing. •

Shettler third graders celebrate spring with visitor, poster contest

(Submitted by Shettler Elementary School)

John Wetterholt, a coast guard auxiliary officer, paid a visit to Shettler Elementary third graders on Thursday, May 6. He educated them about the importance of our lakes and the dangers of invasive species.

Winners in the Tony Tague Safety Poster Contest were third graders Michelle Ring, Kori Johnson, Rachel Zdrojewski, Jaicee Markgraf, Haley Steiner, Rachel Paulsen, Allison Newstead, Elisa Jones and Lena Cook.

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