Darcy Haag is state FFA writing winner

By Blu Herzen

Learning about agriculture is vital in our everyday lives. In fact, agriculture is the foundation of our society. It provides us with food, clothing, and shelter, and it is essential for our survival.

Darcy Haag, a senior at Southview High School, has dedicated her time to agriculture in a variety of ways. She has been involved in the school's FFA chapter, the national FFA organization, and various agriculture-related clubs. Her passion for agriculture is evident in her work and dedication to the cause.

Haag is currently serving as the state officer for the FFA. She is one of the most active members of the school's FFA chapter and has been involved in numerous activities, including planting and maintaining crops, conducting research, and participating in various competitions.

Her commitment to agriculture extends beyond the classroom. Haag has been involved in numerous service projects, such as volunteering at local food banks and helping with community gardens.

Her dedication to agriculture was recognized when she was named the state FFA writing winner. This is a prestigious award that recognizes outstanding writing in the field of agriculture. Haag's winning essay was selected from a pool of thousands of entries from across the state.

Haag's success is a testament to her hard work and dedication. She is an inspiration to her classmates and community members, and her contributions to the field of agriculture will continue to have a positive impact.

She's headed to Brazil in exchange

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When you think of Brazil, you might think of the Amazon rainforest, the samba dance, or the beaches of Rio de Janeiro. But for one local student, Brazil is about to become a new home.

The student, who cannot be named due to privacy reasons, is one of 10 students selected to participate in a student exchange program with Brazil. The program, organized by the State Department, is designed to promote cultural exchange and understanding between countries.

During the exchange, the student will have the opportunity to study at a university in Brazil, live with a host family, and participate in cultural activities. They will also have the chance to travel around Brazil and visit different cities.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for the student, and they are excited to see what the future holds. The exchange will run for six months, and the student will be fully funded by the State Department.

The exchange is just one of many opportunities available to students who are passionate about exploring other cultures and expanding their horizons. It is an incredible experience that will undoubtedly have a lasting impact on the student and their future.

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**Local News**

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If you'd like to join the fun, please contact the local farmer's market or check with local farmers for information on how to participate.

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Lucky luck name is back in business in Sebewaing

By WALLY KUZMIK

A community business in Sebewaing is expanding its horizons and adding a new dimension to its operation, as the founder and his granddaughter and family take the business to the next level.

William E. Buffington, a former owner of Lucky Luck Furniture, has expanded the business to include a new store location in Sebewaing, offering a wide range of furniture and decorative items.

The new store, located at 123 Main Street, is a 2,000-square-foot space that features a variety of furniture styles and concepts, including modern, traditional, and custom designs.

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NEW SALEM LADIES AID
Recently held opening devotions of the New Salem Lutheran Church Ladies Aid's April meeting.

The flower committee reported they had been donated to beautify the church for Easter and in memory of loved ones. The church will celebrate its 140th anniversary Sept. 28 and a brunch is being planned to follow the 9 a.m. service.

Jenny Martens, Sharon Leefler, Margaret Volz, bev Dreesler and Charlotte Brenner will serve on the anniversay committee.

Members plan to go Easter caroling to shut-ins and to take them a lily, April 22 was set as craft day to work on sweatshirts and necklaces.

Meijer cash sales receipts are still being collected. About $400 has been benefit for the home so far.

A helping hands group meeting for projects is 3:30 p.m. April 28.

Approved donated $100 annually to the Central Afica Medical Mission, which is funded by WELS' women's organisation.

Next meeting is 7 p.m. May 3 with Rachel Westendorf and Sharon Leefler as hostesses.

ELKTON SENIOR CITIZENS
First Vice President Marie Hoffman welcomed 37 members and a guest, Wanda Richter of Pinckney, to the April 13 meeting of the Elkton Senior Citizens. Bill and Ria Blaklock were awarded $100 for a second place in the Frank Ross and Fall and Kay Walker were welcomed after long absences.

Chairman Willis offered the table prayer before the potluck meal.

Willis and Dorothy Newkirk were in charge of music. "Amazing Grace" and the Pledge to the Flag given. The birthday of Bill Blaklock, Willis Blaklock, Marilyn Jenn and Ressie Furness were recognized with "The Birthday Song."

Willis Newkirk introduced Wanda Richter, who shared several of her columns from The Newsweekly, focusing on spring and country living.

Correspondence from Huron Memorial Hospital with invitations to seminars on April 27, May 3 and May 12 were read.

Bingo will be played at the April 20 meeting.

USA SENIOR CITIZENS
President Harry Pierce opened the evening meeting April 16 with Dorothy Riekske leading the Common Prayer and 55 members attending an Easter potluck.

A pledge to the flag, "God Bless America" was sung, "Growing Old," a poem by Dorothy Richter, was read by Evelyn VanDyk.

The reading was given by Ocilla Pearsall, Doris Kun-
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