

## ART CONTEST

Sailor Tucker, a 15-year-old student at Herculaneum High School, captured the grand prize at the Optimist Club's Art Contest. The annual event drew 322 entries from 215 student artists in 2023.



## DICTIONARIES FOR THIRD GRADERS

Each year, every third grader in southern Jefferson County receives their very own dictionary. In an age of electronics, the children love getting the books and learning new skills.



## ORATORICAL AND ESSAY CONTESTS

Students compete annually in both oratorical and essay contests to hone their skills, build their confidence and earn a chance for scholarships.



## YOUTH APPRECIATION

Bringing out the best in youth includes honoring local students for their achievements at the annual Youth Appreciation Luncheon.

## JUNIOR OPTIMIST CLUB

Children ages 11-18 are encouraged to participate in the Twin City Optimist's Junior Optimist Club. The club elects officers, plans its own service projects and gives members a chance to develop leadership skills, to meet new people and to have fun.



## RESPECT FOR LAW

As part of the Optimist International organization, the Twin City Optimists take part in a project held around the world to honor law enforcement officers each year.

## MORE SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

- Scholarship awards at Jefferson College
- Thanksgiving baskets for needy families
- Easter baskets for needy families
- Preschool skills boxes for Parents as Teachers
- Support for the Homeless Youth Initiative



## HEAD START CHRISTMAS

More than 100 children enrolled in the Head Start program receive gifts, warm clothing and a visit from a right jolly old elf.