



CHOOSE TO REFUSE!
Mt. Pleasant Junior High School

HIGHLIGHTING YOUTH IN TOBACCO PREVENTION

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Great Performances!

4-H County Council and Penn Trafford Leos, members of TATU (Teens Against Tobacco Use), entertained and educated families visiting the Westmoreland Fair with Applebee Pond Puppets! Stories featured a tobacco free health message. Applaud the teen performers: **Abby & Amanda Binkey, Amanda & Rachel Clontz, Michelle Colbaugh, Emily & David Farah, Katie Gurnick, Krystal Gwynn, Collette Kappa, Alex Kemerer, Nathan Lail, and Jodi Torock.** Special thanks to adults **Lauren Lail** for a great stage design **Anne Lail, Allison Messina, Amanda Luther, and Danielle Keys** for training the puppeteers, and **Joy Clontz and Lucy De Haven** for supporting these youth. A big thank you to the **Westmoreland Fair Association** for providing a stage for our talented youth!

What's coming?

BUSTED! meeting – **Oct. 16, 7 PM, Red Barn behind Donohoe Center**
Red Ribbon Week – October 17 to 26
Youth Tobacco Leadership - November 5

Tobacco Is a Drug, Too!

Include a tobacco-free message or program in Red Ribbon Week activities, and you will be eligible to receive \$100 for your SADD or other student club. See details and application on page 2.

Health Alert!

Teenage girls almost double their risk of developing breast cancer if they begin smoking within five years of their first menstrual periods according to a new Canadian study. *Dr. Pierre Band, medical oncologist, British Columbia Cancer Agency*

And the Winners Are:

The Communications Contest on tobacco issues was held in August at the Westmoreland County Fair. Jodi Torock received \$50 for first place in the senior demonstration category. Emily Farah won \$50 for first place in the junior public speaking category. Senior public speaking winners were Kestrel Michaud, \$50 first place; Amanda McMillan, \$25 second place; and Madalyn Begonia, \$10 third place.

Welcome to TATU/BUSTED!

Monessen **Communities That Care Youth Council, Union Baptist Bible Class, and Fellowship Baptist God's Angels Mime Group** are newly trained TATU members. Union Baptist designed bookmarks with health information about tobacco as their project. God's Angels mime to Sterlin Barr's anti-tobacco rap songs.

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