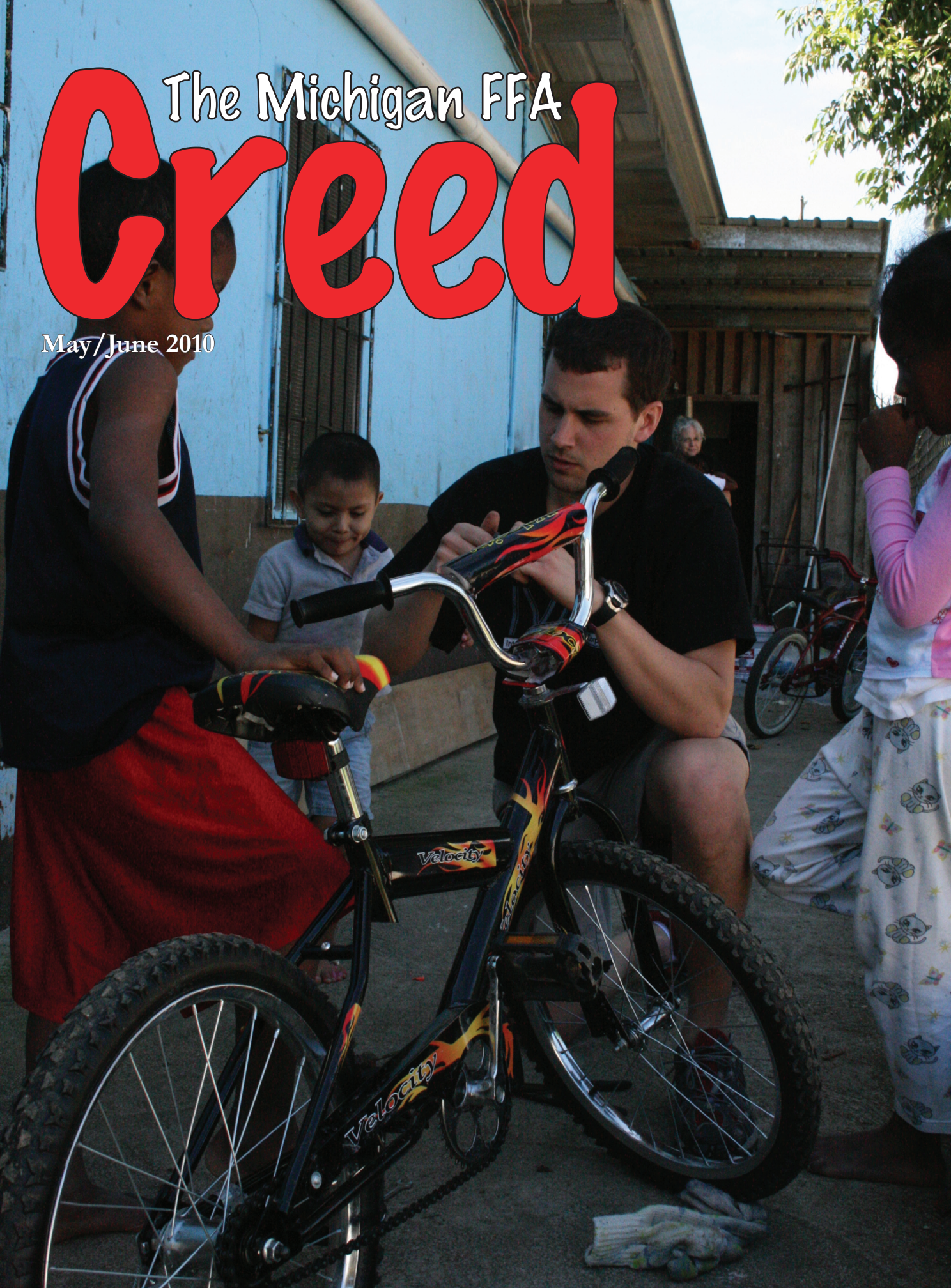


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I believe in...

We all have a goal. Some have one, others have many. Whether it's getting a chapter office, becoming the next Star Farmer, or even running for State Office, as Michigan FFA members, we all have goals. Within our goals and aspirations, we have found opportunities. Opportunities that will allow us to be tomorrow's most influential leaders. As FFA members, opportunities will be presented that will help you to achieve the highest levels of success. If you can imagine it, you can create it; if you can dream it, you can become it. By reaching your goal, you can contribute not only to yourself, but everyone and everything around you.

Our goals drive us to be successful but it is the journey to get there that makes it all worth it. At times, our journey deviates from the set path, and we may become discouraged. Never allow failure to keep you down. Use failure as a motivational tool to help you become better than before. Failure by no means should stand in the way of achieving your goals. How often do we see failure as an end instead of a beginning? Denis Waitley once said, "Failure should be our teacher, not our undertaker. Failure is a delay, not defeat. It is a temporary detour, not a dead end. Failure is something we can avoid only by saying nothing, doing nothing, and

being nothing." Never let others get in the way of achieving your goal. Surround yourself with positive, inspiring people, and you will obtain success. This year we have witnessed the many members of the Michigan FFA overcome obstacles and be victorious.

As your 2009-2010 Michigan FFA State Officer team, it is our goal to assist each FFA member towards success. We know the joys and discomforts of overcoming challenging hurdles but have faith in each and every one of you. We would like to thank all of you for allowing us to reach our goal and have enjoyed sharing this amazing experience with you. As you move forward in life always remember to: Envision the Goal, Embrace Your Journey.



Dates to Remember...

May

- 13 Board of Directors Meeting-MSU-5pm-8pm
- 14 The following items are due to the state office:
American Degree Applications, Agri-Entrepreneurship Award Applications, State Winners Proficiency Award Applications, National Chapter Applications, National Band, Chorus and Talent Applications

June

- 14 SLCCO/SLCRO Registrations Due
- 25 Dairy Showmanship/Dairy Judging/Tractor Driving Registrations due to State Office via online registration
- TBA Summer PDI

Chapter Chatter



By: Meghan Bonthuis
MSU Crop and Soil Science Sophomore



Region I Hopkins FFA-Jessica Couch, advisor

“Every spring the Hopkins FFA hosts their annual Pork BBQ. During this event, The Michigan Fiddlers Association comes to the school and performs while FFA and community members have the chance to cut a rug while square dancing. Also during the events, Hopkins FFA holds their annual plant sale where they sell plants that they have grown to the public. Thanks to local farmers’ donation of the hog, the chapter is able to provide all of the seniors with a two-hundred dollar scholarship. The Hopkins FFA would like to thank all of those that make this event possible because without them, this event would not be the success that it is.”

Region II Lenawee Tech Center FFA-Ken Bollinger, advisor

“On February 27, 2010, members from the Lenawee Tech Center FFA Chapter held a canned food drive at their local TSC Store in honor of the Harvest for America FFA Competition. ‘The canned food drive was a great way for our members to collect canned food and raise money for a local food pantry,’ said Alex Mahrle a chapter member. Along with the food drive at TSC, the chapter also held two food drive competitions at their school, collecting 1,676 pounds of food. The Lenawee Tech Center FFA donated the items to The Daily Bread of Lenawee in Adrian. Mr. Bollinger commented that ‘Harvest for America was a tremendous success and motivated our chapter to reach out to our community and help those in need. Since these food drives were such a success, we hope to continue them annually.’”



Region III USA FFA- Vicki Yackle, advisor

“The Unionville-Sebewaing Area FFA Chapter is currently busy preparing for skills contests in April. Chapter members will be participating in Agricultural Communications, Agricultural Sales, Floriculture, Forestry, and Veterinary Science. Vicki Yackle chapter advisor, said ‘This is a great experience for our chapter members to learn more about agricultural careers in a hands on way and is one of the most exciting times of the year for us.’ They are also preparing for their Food for American program in May, which helps to educate their elementary school students about various agriculture topics. This year’s theme is USA FFA: Keeping It G.R.E.E.N. (Genuine, Respectful, Energetic, Enthusiastic, and Natural). Different stations will be set up for the students to visit that discuss all of these character traits as well as how they can Go GREEN in their own homes and classrooms.”





Region IV Byron FFA-Tate Forbush, advisor

“The Byron FFA chapter recently did a chapter exchange with the Breckenridge FFA chapter in November 2009. The two chapters intermingled, with the assistance of interactive games, and shared ideas for further developing student, chapter and community activities within their chapters. Byron FFA students also got to tour the Breckenridge FFA facilities and see their efforts to make their school energy efficient.

Byron and Breckenridge both learned many new activities that could be implemented into their Program of Activities and were recognized as a top chapter in the State of Michigan.”

Region V Fremont FFA-Rebel Smith, advisor

“On September 19th, 2009, 16 members of the Fremont FFA Chapter hit the Muskegon River with nothing but a canoe, a paddle and a potato sack. This day marked the first ever Fremont FFA River Clean Up. The trip lasted for around three hours and included cleaning a section of the Muskegon River that flows through Newaygo. Throughout the course of the trip, many members had to climb out of their canoes into the cold river to get aluminum cans and trash; some people even got knocked into the river by trees, rocks and other items in the river. By the end of the trip they had accumulated around eight large potato sacks full of trash, a few tires, a chair and many pairs of shoes. ‘We were fortunate enough to have Wisners Canoes of Newaygo donate the canoes for our use; without them, this trip wouldn’t have been possible,’ said Rebel Smith, Fremont FFA advisor. All of the members had a great time floating down the river, but it was also a great way for them to give back to their community.”



Region VI Benzie Central FFA-Jerry Block, advisor

“Benzie FFA has had an FFA program since 1929 and is still growing. Benzie FFA hosts many fundraising activities. The members bring in money to support the FFA through the citrus sale in the fall, the community’s recycle trailer and the end of the year swiss steak dinner in the spring. Then one night in May, members from the community come to the school and have a nice dinner, which FFA members put together. Another class project and fundraiser that the FFA group does in the spring is raising a sow and her litter. The students learn the proper care of the sow when it comes to feeding, watering and cleaning out the farrowing crate. Before the litter comes, the students learn everything there is to know about the new litter, so when the piglets arrive, they are ready. When its time for the piglets to be weaned, FFA members are able to take two piglets each to raise for slaughter. A few of the other fundraisers their FFA chapter does includes timber harvest, maple syrup production and tractor restoration and sale. From these chapter projects members are able to create SAE’s that include swine, pheasant and salmon production, as well as tractor restoration and timber harvest.”

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Our Motto in Motion



Learning to Do

By: Haley Schulz
Baker College Nursing Major
&
Elizabeth Hager
MSU Engineering Major



Who knew that community service could be fun, yet rewarding at the same time? Chesaning FFA has figured it out--donkey basketball. The simple game of basketball with a twist, lugging around a 250 pound donkey everywhere you go. A member approached Mr. Kovach, the Chesaning FFA Advisor, with the idea to hold a donkey basketball game. It was Mr. Kovach who took this simple chapter fundraiser and transformed it into multiple benefit efforts.

The initial idea behind holding the games came about in 1992, when improvements needed to be made to their greenhouse. "It was something that had never been done before," said Mr. Kovach. "I was leery about the idea, but decided to give it a try. Our first game was a complete success. Why wouldn't we continue?" The idea of holding a fun activity for the members, Alumni and community, yet raising money at the same time seemed so complicated. However, once the idea was presented, it seemed so simple. No one knew that simply adding donkeys to the game of basketball would be so such a great idea. After their first successful game of donkey basketball, Mr. Kovach declared donkey basketball to be an event every other year to support the Chesaning FFA.

Several years later, one of Chesaning's very own was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis. The entire chapter felt the need to step up and help, so they did just that. That year's donkey basketball proceeds were all donated to the family to help minimize hospital costs. Kovach and the chapter felt it was important to continue to give to a cause that would hopefully one day find a cure for cystic fibrosis,

so for six years they donated to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in honor of their fellow FFA member. Again, a few years later, another FFA member who had been battling childhood leukemia needed some financial assistance. Again, the Chesaning FFA stepped up to help out. After donating the money to the family, Mr. Kovach and the chapter couldn't decide between which charities to donate to, so they agreed to alternate giving money to the foundations.

Due to the hard economic times, Mr. Kovach saw a need in the Chesaning area. The chapter felt the need to donate the donkey basketball proceeds to their local Chesaning Area Relief Effort, otherwise known as CARE. CARE is a program designed specifically to help local families and elderly in need. Kovach described CARE as, "An effort to improve the daily living of all people. Food, clothes, or anything that a family could need gets donated to CARE and they distribute it amongst the families in need." CARE also supports "Meals on Wheels" for the elderly who are not able to prepare food for themselves. Mr. Kovach and the Chesaning FFA would like to thank everyone who has helped to make Donkey Basketball successful. He stated, "Without the community's support, none of this could be possible."

Chesaning FFA has mastered the art of "Learning to Do". They have seen the needs of many people and found a way to help them. They also found a way to get the community and members excited about it. Their efforts to help others have certainly paid off. Thank you Chesaning FFA for seeing a need and acting upon it.

Doing to Learn

By: Beth Oliver
MSU Agribusiness Major
&
Jeff Schmitt
MSU Agribusiness Major

Taylor Janicek of the Corunna FFA Chapter has tried just about everything that the FFA has to offer. She recognizes that from a young age she knew that her success in the FFA would be determined by the effort that she put into it. For this reason she has multiple Supervised Agricultural Experiences ranging from Turf Grass Management to Swine Production and her personal favorite, Beef Production. Her extraordinary SAE exemplifies the portion of the FFA motto, “Doing to Learn”.

The beef portion of Taylor’s project currently includes three heifers, two steers and a cow that is expecting a calf. Growing up around cattle and helping her brothers prepare their steers for the fair every year was the driving factor in selecting this SAE. Once she was old enough to show herself, she purchased her first market steer. Every year her earnings went towards purchasing next year’s project. From there, her herd grew.

Taylor’s family has been a vital resource for the success of her project, as her family inspired her to begin her SAE. Taylor credits her family as she claims, “It’s always been a part of us and gives us a great opportunity to spend time together while creating new skills at the same time. They taught me what to look for in a good show calf and how to take care of it. At the same time this taught me great time management skills and how to grow a high quality beef product.”

Throughout Taylor’s SAE she has shown in multiple shows at the Shiawassee County Fair and Michigan Winter Beef Classic. Although she has never been placed first, she is always near the

top of her class, striving for continued improvement. Her hard work has paid off as she was named in the top three Outstanding Juniors at the 2010 Michigan FFA State Convention and received a beef proficiency award at the chapter level.

Hard work is necessary for the success of Taylor’s project. “An obstacle in my SAE is dealing with all the risk management in raising market steers,” Taylor explains. “Many don’t realize how many hours of labor it takes to prepare a steer for market. Personally I’ve experienced the hardships of today’s economy. Knowing that many in the community were trying to cut back on expenses I sent out twice as many buyers’ letters than normal. I’m very lucky and blessed to know that my family’s reputation has a good name and is known for healthy, safe and superb quality meat. The economy has also taken a toll on my 4-H club. The size of the club has been cut in half because many members are reducing herd size since they can’t afford to feed them and are not willing to take a chance on losing profit.”

Janicek claims that the beef industry and her SAE have taught her a lot about herself, and has influenced her choice to pursue a career in agriculture. Her project has taught her skills on how to care for her animals and the great responsibility it takes to grow beef cattle. It has also shown her the importance of marketing her animals and how vital it is to have a good product reputation in order to ensure success. She enjoys taking her animals to exhibitions, where she networks, learns new grooming ideas and skills, and lends a hand, “Paying It Forward” to younger showmen. “The beef industry is something everyone can benefit from,” Taylor says. “Although it’s a competition on whose animal is the best; it’s also an experience to learn and grow as an individual. Everyone is like being a part of your family and willing to help you learn. I’ve been taught multiple skills such as time management, speaking, how to identify flaws in an animal, leadership, risk management, and how to keep accurate records.”

Currently, the high school junior plans to remain active in FFA, hoping to earn her State and American Degrees. She is planning on attending Michigan State University and pursue a degree in Agribusiness.



Earning to Live

By: Amanda Sumerix
MSU ANR Communications Major

Dr. Eddie Moore was born in Hertford, North Carolina with six other brothers on a corn, soybean and cotton farm. While in high school, Dr. Moore took some classes in agricultural education and was a member of the New Farmers of America youth organization. The New Farmers of America is similar to the FFA but was primarily for African American boys because the Future Farmers of America and the New Farmers of America were separate youth organizations for primarily rural boys. Moore has always wanted to work in natural resources and agriculture so it

comes to no surprise that he has become very involved with the National FFA Organization.



From 1968 to 1972 Dr. Moore served as a high school agriculture teacher and FFA advisor for four years in Cumberland County, Virginia. During this time, he was able to educate Virginia's first African-American State FFA Officer. He served as a Curriculum Specialist, for Ohio State University in Columbus Ohio from 1972-1974. It was here where he

served as a part of a six-person curriculum team in developing national curriculum guides for high school agriculture education programs in the following areas: Agricultural Production, Agricultural Supplies and Services, Agricultural Products (Food Processing), Ornamental Horticulture, Agricultural Resources, Forestry and Environmental Protection. Currently, Dr. Moore is a professor at Michigan State University and has been since 1976. He is responsible for research and development in agricultural education, preparing high school agriscience and natural resources education teachers, many outreach initiatives, committees

and various international assignments in Bangladesh, Taiwan, Japan and Jamaica. During this time however, Dr. Moore also served as the Chief of Strategic Planning, Policy, and Operations Analysis, Farm Service Agency, for the United States Department of Agriculture in Washington D.C. from 1997 to 2001.

While working for Michigan State University Dr. Moore has helped out with various activities in conjunction with the Michigan FFA. This list includes preparing high school agriscience and natural resources education for teachers and FFA advisors, teaching undergraduate and graduate classes in education and agriculture and natural resources, conducting research in agricultural education including research in diversity, internationalization of secondary education programs and advising master of science and doctoral students.

Additionally Dr. Moore has served on the Michigan FFA Board of Directors and the governance and finance committees for at least 5 years and has served on the State FFA Officer Nominating Committee for the Michigan FFA State Association from 2008 until present. He has also served as a judge and chairperson for many FFA state contests including the Creed Speaking contest, Prepared Public Speaking, Job Interview, National Chapter Award contest, and Career Development Events including dairy judging, dairy showmanship, poultry judging, and farm management. Dr. Moore has served as a founding Board Member of the National Council for Agricultural Education, has served on the search committee for selecting the FFA State Executive Secretary, and has served on a number of external committees including the State of Michigan Farm Service Agency Committee and the Michigan Agricultural Preservation Fund Board.

When asked what he has gained from his involvement with the FFA he responded, "As a young member of the New Farmers of America, I developed many skills that have assisted me over the years including teamwork, problem-solving and human relation skills that are needed in order to succeed in life." Even though the high school his two daughters attended did not offer agriculture education and the FFA, he personally used many of the same principles in raising them over the years and he says that the outcome "has been exceptional." "The philosophical foundation of the FFA is one of America's best kept secrets. I am delighted that my two daughters and I had the opportunity to experience this extraordinary youth development success model." He says that from a professional perspective, one of the most rewarding experiences in his career has been the opportunity to work with Michigan's FFA advisors and students.

As you can see, Dr. Moore exemplifies the "Earning to Live" portion of the motto. He is truly someone that believes and trusts in the future of agriculture. Thank you Dr. Moore for all of your hard work and dedication to the Michigan FFA Association.

Living to Serve

By: Kelli Fulkerson
MSU Agricultural Technologies Major
&
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St. Clair County Community College Computer Science Major



Are You Smarter Than A Career Center Student? That is what many community leaders and visitors at the Bay-Arenac Career Center were asking themselves on Wednesday night. The Bay-Arenac Career Center FFA held an event called "Are You Smarter Than A Career Center Student?" in their lecture hall on Wednesday, January 20th. Everyone was invited to watch community leaders and student club leaders compete against each other answering questions regarding history, literature, science and current events. The reason for holding this event was to collect can goods and money for food pantries in Bay and Arenac Counties. The admission to this event was a monetary donation or a minimum of four food items. At 6:30 p.m., everyone had a chance to view the student displays, which informed the public and community leaders about FFA animals, agriculture and alternative energy and at 7:00 p.m. the game started.

The master mind behind all of this was the counselor, Mrs. Gerhart, and Cathy LaLonde, FFA advisor of Bay-Arenac Career

Canter. She came up with the idea of a game show event and helped the students with all the preparations for the event. Also the FFA members put a lot of effort into making the displays, advertising for the event and contacting the community leaders. The FFA members advertised for the event by hanging flyers up in their high schools and local business in Bay and Arenac County. Also, Wednesday morning the FFA students were on the Cool School segment on WNEM T.V. 5. The whole reasoning behind this event was that the Agriscience teacher, Mrs. LaLonde and the students wanted to apply for the FFA Food For America Project and everyone thought that this event would be a good idea for a community service project.

The community leaders were Eric Jylha from T.V. 5, Charles Brunner the Mayor of Bay City, Mike Dewey the superintendent of the Bay Arenac ISD, Jeff Mayes the 96th District State Representative, Pati LaLonde a freelance writer, John Kramer the Fire Chief of Monitor Township, Avram Golden a local business owner and Judge Joseph Sheeran the judge of the 18th Judicial Circuit Court. The student team was made up officers in Skills USA, B.P.A., D.E.C.A. and H.O.S.A. clubs at the Career Center. The event was a success and the Bay-Arenac Career Center FFA collected over 750 food items and raised over \$700.00. The food and money will be divided and delivered to the Bay County Salvation Army and the Arenac County Resurrection of the Lord Catholic Church. This event was a lot of fun and a great success. The Bay-Arenac Career Center FFA is proud they created a unique way to collect for the food pantries and gave back to the needy for their community.



Taking the 'Break' Out of Winter Break

By: Danielle Martinez
MSU Environmental Studies and Agriscience Senior

Living to Serve. That is the last line in the FFA Motto and perhaps the most important line. As FFA members we are taught the value of making an impact on others by giving of ourselves. Yes indeed, this is the most valuable lesson the FFA has to teach its members. In fact this lesson has stuck with me through the years, even after unzipping that blue jacket for the last time.

Over winter break I had the amazing opportunity to travel to Belize to work with The King's Children Home thru the International Volunteer Action Corp from the campus of Michigan State University. Along with 18 other MSU students we spent two weeks working in the home, playing with the children, embracing the Belizean culture, walking back in time and making new friends.



December 29th, late at night, found food and then headed to bed. The next day we unpacked our things and then headed out to get the lay of city. While on our self-guided tour we were met with the nicest locals everywhere we turned. Everyone was so friendly and helpful, pointing us in the direction of great little diners, local

handcrafted woodworking shops and everything else in between. It was amazing to see that in this town of 20,000 people, everyone seemed to know everyone and people were genuinely nice to one another and tourists. Seeing this overwhelming display of community support warmed my heart and made me miss my small town of Springport.



After spending time walking thru the city and spending time at a few different diners we all began to realize that things down in Belize run on a completely different time. Belize is in the Central time zone, but in reality, it is Belizean time, where things happen when they happen and in the mean time you relax. At first I was reluctant to give into this lifestyle of flying by the seat of your pants and clung tightly to my need for plans to go on time, but within a few days of everything that had been planned going completely out the window, I relaxed and embraced the Belizean way of life.

Once I was willing to open my mind to the Belizean way, I could finally see and take part in the culture of Belize. This country is just under 30 years old, but is so rich in its cultural history that can be traced all the way back to

the Mayas. Their love for their culture and heritage was obvious when we visited Cahal Pech, one of the oldest Maya sites in Western Belize. Our tour guide told us every detail he knew about the site with continued passion. He

was talking about his ancestors, his life and through it all he was passionate about it . He wanted to help educate others, not

because he was paid to, but because it was what he loved. He was living his life to serve others.

After our experience at Cahal Pech we finally got the chance to visit the children's home in Belmopan. The kids at the home welcomed us with open arms. They were so happy to have new people to play with and we were more than happy to do so. We hung out with the kids, checked out the beds we would be painting and got a general feel for life in the children's home.



During the five days we spent working in the home we repainted 28 bunk beds and brought smiles to over fifty kids. While painting the beds and giving the children a sense of pride was our main mission, I found that taking the time to listen to the children and give them the attention that every child deserves was by far the most rewarding part of this service project. On our last day at the children's home, tears were shed, but that's not the

thing I remember the most, I remember getting into our van as we drove away the kids were out at the edge of their yard waving and smiling at us. It really made me think that tomorrow they may forget about us, but we will never forget about them, because making them smile for those five days was definitely one of the most impactful things in my life.

I walked away from this service trip with a renewed sense of hope, life, love and passion - things we should all live our life with. I have hope that the small impact I made in the lives of those children will lead to a brighter future for them. I have a new outlook on life and living to serve others. I loved seeing the children's faces light up when their beds were done or when I said, "I would love to read you a book!" I have a new passion for embracing my culture and heritage and helping others.

Yes it was my start in the FFA

that led to my life of serving others and it will continue to be that foundation that I created in the FFA that will push me to live my life with passion. It was this trip that taught the value of putting a smile on stranger's face.

For more information on The King's Children Home in Belmopan, Belize, please visit <http://www.kingschildrenshome.org/>



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Ag Issues Contest

State Winner: Breckenridge #2: Brittney Bushre, Jake Gulick, Angelica Armstrong, Lauren Bluemer, Evan Willman, Cassie Draves, Bryanna Wollenweber, Kelsey Meeker

Creed Speaking Contest

State Winner: Emily Feuka, Perry

Demonstration Contest

State Winner: Breckenridge #1: Garrett Slavik, Devon Rossman, Zack Baker, Jessica Stellow



Extemporaneous Speaking Contest

State Winner: Mackenzie Price, Waldron

Greenhand Conduct of Meetings Contest

State Winner: Cassopolis: Mary Green, Hanna Deubner, Josh Green, Libby Hein, Kevin Hatcher, Molly Moroz, Jessica Waldschmidt, Alexis Peters



Greenhand Public Speaking Contest

State Winner: Alan Green, Hopkins

Job Interview Contest

State Winner: Jennifer DeClerg, Durand

Jr. High Conduct of Meetings Contest

State Winner: Laker: Jared Schuette, Paul Zwemmer, Joel Diebel, Breanna Richmond, Derek Daniels, Rachel Swartzendruber, Holly Marie Tait, Amy Leitch

Jr. High Public Speaking

State Winner: Ethan Haywood, Hastings



Parliamentary Procedure Contest

State Winner: Centreville: Abe Merten, Tyler Teadt, Jay Sweet, Sami Eastwood, Kent Butcher, Matt Skrzyniarz, Alex Milliman, Zack Milliman

Prepared Public Speaking Contest

State Winner: Kyle Miller, Cassopolis



The Rest of the Story...



Chapter: Cassopolis

SAE: Equine Science, Agriscience Education, Diversified Livestock Production

College: Michigan State University Freshman

Major: Agribusiness and Pre-Law

Person you look to for strength & guidance: Family and Friends

Favorite Homemade Meal: Stuffed Acorn Squash and Strawberry Rhubarb Pie

Word that describes yourself: Goal Oriented

Personal Hobby: Playing piano, soccer and scrapbooking

Favorite Quote: "What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us." - Walt Emerson



Chapter: Branch Area Career Center

SAE: Equine Science and Diversified Livestock Production

College: Michigan State University Freshman

Major: Agricultural Industries

Career Goals: National Agricultural Ambassador

High School Activities: Student Council, Volleyball, Envirothon



Favorite thing to do with friends: Catch up on the latest gossip

Favorite FFA Activity: Any and all, there are too many to choose just one

Theme song that describes my life: She's Country - Jason Aldean



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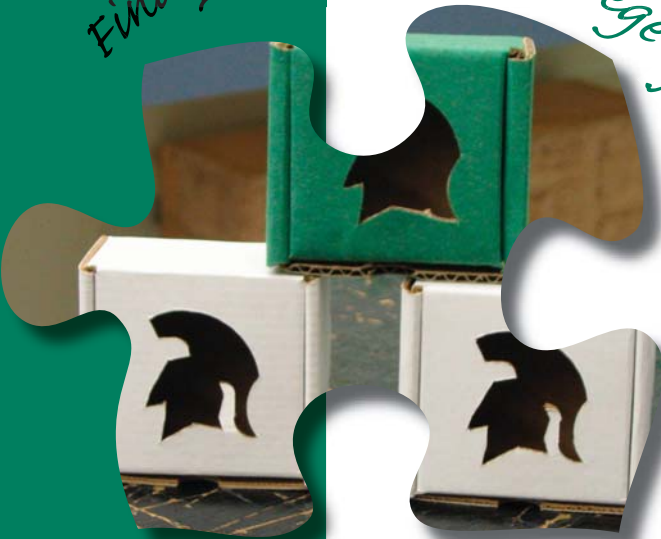
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