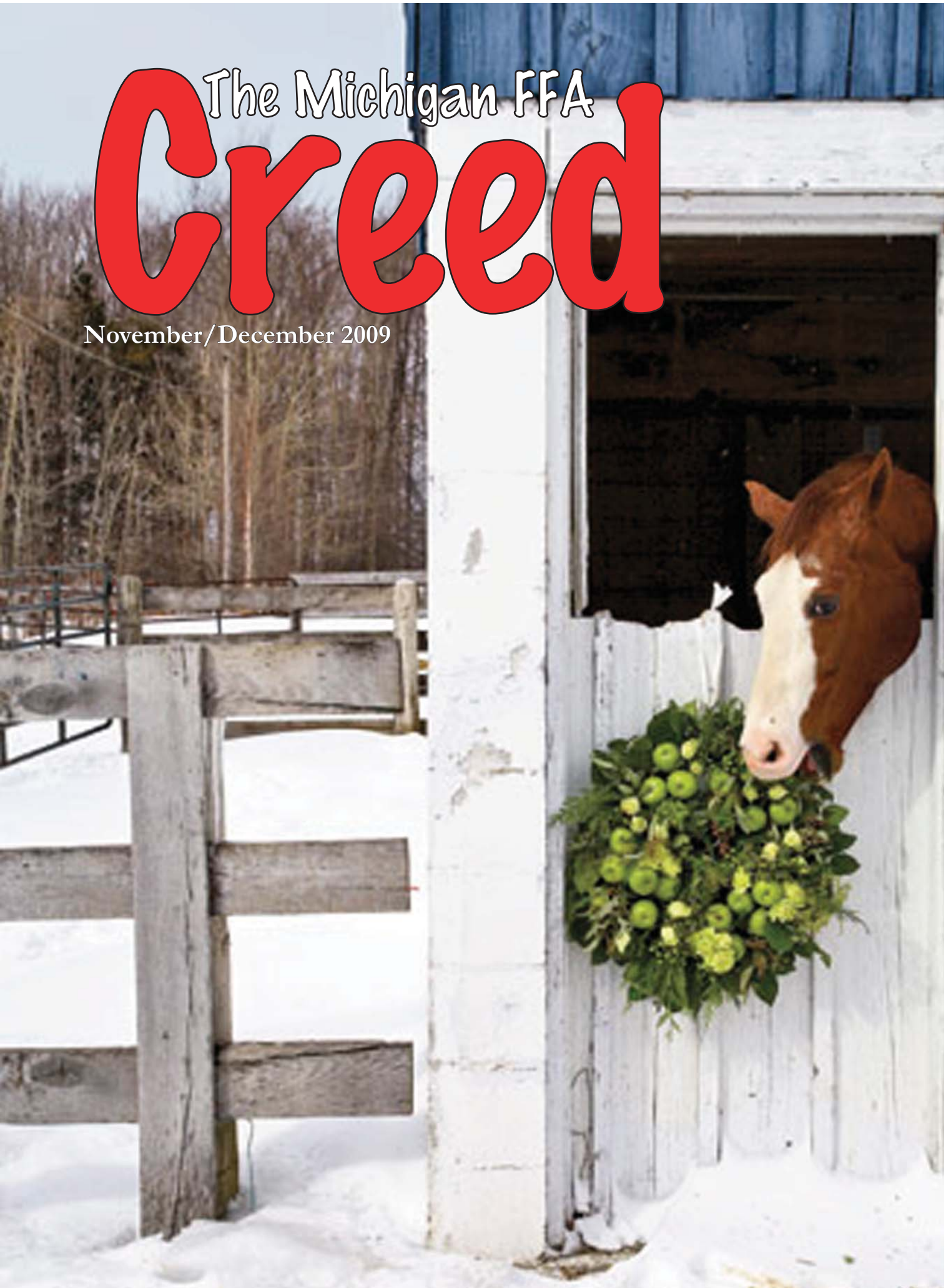


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I believe in...

A blue corduroy jacket.

We're all familiar with the blue (sometimes purple) corduroy jacket that defines Official Dress. They can make us look like flight attendants and feel invincible all at the same time. So what is it about those blue jackets that seem to transform us? Is it the corduroy? Or maybe it's the gold stitching? In my first years of membership, I wondered if my jacket was magical. Then, I learned that other members felt the same way! So what do they put in that material? On my quest to figure this out, I turned, of course, to Google™ for the answer. This is what I found:

“Originally created to be worn by the Fredericktown Band of the Fredericktown FFA Chapter by Dr. Gus Lintner the Official FFA Jacket was adopted in 1933 as the Organization's Official Dress.” There is not anything in there about magic, so I kept looking. On the pages of a blog these words were written:

“Think of an FFA jacket. It may be brand new or faded, but it is still a jacket. When it is being worn, it represents all of the opportunities you have as an FFA member” So then I got to thinking, what about when we're not

wearing our jackets; do the opportunities leave us?

After six years of being involved in this organization, I am confident that I now know what makes our jackets so special. Nope, it's not the corduroy or corn gold; it's the members who wear them. As members of the largest youth organization in the world, we truly have the power to make a positive difference in life. The ability however, comes not only when we are wearing our famous blue jackets, but every day.

The next time you put on your jacket, I hope you are reminded of all the opportunities the National FFA Organization offers, but remember that the opportunities don't leave us when we remove our jackets. Capture the amazing feeling that wearing your jacket brings and never let it fade.

Dates to Remember...

November

- 2 Broiler Weigh Date
- 5-6 Contest for Broilers-Fowlerville Poultry Processing
- 10-11 Fall PDI/MFE/ALD Conferences
- 13 Fall Membership Rosters and Program of Activities Due

December

- 1 The following items are due to the State FFA Office: Regional Grant Applications and Star Candidate Applications (includes star battery and state degree application) Star Candidate Applications must be in the state office by Dec. 1. Those received after this date will not be considered
- 14 MFB/FFA Ag Career and Leadership Conference - Kellogg Center, MSU
- 14 Board of Directors Meeting - MSU 5-8 p.m.

Member

Region I

Kara Bosserd-Marshall FFA

Kara Bosserd is a senior at Marshall high school and an active member of the Marshall FFA Chapter. Throughout her FFA career she has participated on the Greenhand Conduct of Meetings team and Demonstration team, as well as participated in many other chapter and state events. She has attended National Convention, State Convention and has served as the Marshall FFA President for three years.

Besides being very involved within her chapter, Kara has a well developed SAE in the area of Equine Science. Bosserd has worked on Crystal Morgan Horse Farms since she was 12, where she cares and works with horses. She is a member of the Marshall Equestrian Team and has shown her horse in numerous circuits. Besides her equine SAE, Kara has a well developed SAE in Beef Production. She lives on a family owned beef cattle operation and currently owns her own cow calf herd that consists of six shorthorn heifers. She has also raises steers for her county fair, state and national shows.

After high school Kara plans on attending college and majoring in Agribusiness Management.



Region II

Destini Forbes-Waldron FFA

Destini is a senior at Waldron High School, and an active member of the Waldron FFA chapter. She has participated in many FFA events such as National Convention, State Convention, and the chapter labor auction. In addition to participating in many events she is currently serving as the Waldron FFA Secretary.

Destini's Supervised Agricultural Experience is in the area of Rabbit Production, where she breeds and markets her rabbits.

After high school, Forbes has aspirations of becoming a State FFA Officer, as well as attending college to become a prosecuting attorney.



Region III

Jordan Henry-Alma FFA

Jordan Henry, a senior at Alma High School and the President of both her Region and Chapter, has been studying nutrition as her newest Supervised Agricultural Experience. Being her newest SAE, Jordan is really working on expanding and building onto it within this year. So far, she has worked with elementary students, teaching them about how certain foods grow, including fruits and vegetables. She also works on teaching them the food pyramid and the difference between whole food and processed food. Jordan said, "The best thing was teaching them how to grow it and seeing them actually harvest what they grew." Her other SAE is Diversified Livestock Production, where she has raised sheep and beef and exhibited them at the Gratiot County Fair for Youth. Beyond FFA, Jordan is active in student council, being a class officer, her high school NHS, 4-H, playing basketball, track and drama club. Jordan plans on attending Michigan State University in the fall to achieve a degree in Nutrition or Counseling.



Highlights



Region IV Meghan Luchenbill-Durand FFA

A junior at Durand high school, Megan Luchenbill has enjoyed a truly “diversified” FFA experience, participating in the Broiler Project, Greenhand Conduct of Meetings, Land Conservation, Demonstration, Washington Leadership Conference and several hog shows within her SAE of Swine Management. Megan also shows horses and has served as Durand’s chapter Treasurer, Vice President and the 2009-2010 Region IV Vice President in addition to active involvement in 4-H, Color Guard, Competitive Cheerleading, Track and Field, the DFUMC Youth Group, and Durand’s Equestrian Team.

After graduating from high school, Luchenbill plans to attend MSU to major in Elementary Education or Psychology.

Region V David Hickey-Lakewood FFA

David Hickey of the Lakewood FFA chapter has been actively involved in all aspects of FFA, from serving as a chapter Sentinel, from excelling in Agriculture classes to preparing an outstanding SAE. David has been improving his Swine Production SAE over the past two years. This year he was awarded Grand Champion Carcass hog for the second year in a row and made it through the first round of Senior Showmanship at the Ionia County 4-H show as part of the Ionia Free Fair. Along with showing his own hogs, David helped out his FFA chapter by stepping up and showing the chapter’s hogs as well. He also raises his own Pheasants to sell.

After graduating high school David hopes to move on from serving his FFA chapter to serving his country through the National Guard.



Region VI Jessica Aube-Alpena FFA

As a senior in the Alpena FFA Chapter, Jessica Aube is a busy young lady. Throughout her FFA career she has participated in many different FFA events like the Region VI Decathlon, FFA Week, chapter fruit sale, local parades, SLCCO, SLCRO, Region VI Leadership Camp and WLC. She has also participated in Greenhand Conduct of Meetings and Agricultural Issues Leadership Contests.

Currently, Jessica is the Alpena FFA Secretary and the Region VI Reporter.

Her SAE is Diversified Livestock where she raises steers and market hogs to show and sell at her county fair. When asked what she has gained from the FFA she replied, “From being involved in the FFA I have gained public speaking skills, leadership skills, and most of all friendships!” After college she plans on going into radiology and owning a small farm.



Our Motto in Motion

Learning to Do



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

Educating children in the ways of Agriculture has been essential to the future of our communities and agricultural practices. Project RED was first developed at a Farm Bureau event in Ohio. Agricultural Education being a new importance, Deb Kubacki and Charlene Hagen decided that it would be a great idea to implement this program throughout Michigan. Rural Education Day, otherwise known as Project RED, started in 1998, is a yearly presentation put on by high school students to inform the public about the importance of agriculture through demonstration. Every year at the beginning of September, elementary students from the thumb of Michigan visit the Huron County Fairgrounds where there are a number of booths, demonstrations, and activities for the youngsters to take part in. The stations vary from teaching kids about growing crops to how to raise farm animals. "Project RED has not only influenced third graders, but it also benefits the FFA members who put together the demonstrations," explains Laker FFA Ag advisor Don Wheeler. The motto of Project RED is, "To create a better tomorrow, today." by educating the public about agriculture, that's just what local high school students are doing.

Since 1998, Huron County's Project RED has expanded to now include nineteen area elementary schools and approximately six hundred and fifty third graders participate in Project RED yearly. Over the eleven years, 7,150 students have been influenced by agriculture. Third grader Jimmy Leitch from Laker Elementary says, "Project RED is a lot of fun because it teaches the kids who

don't live on a farm how much work you have to do and we get out of school for a day!" Not only is Project RED fun for the students, teachers, elders, and other community members enjoy it also. Approximately 250 community members come to support Project RED every year. Wheeler quotes, "I feel it is important for my students to understand the need to educate people and students about agriculture because it affects us daily. Education is the key. Project RED is a fun way to educate the community."

Over the past eleven years, the Huron County Farm Bureau has selected the Laker FFA to demonstrate agriculture through presentation. The students are given the overall theme of Project RED and then it is up to the group of students to come up with their presentation. This year the theme is Everyday Crops, and the Laker FFA came to a consensus that they would like to educate the third graders on one of their favorite foods, the potato. The Laker FFA Officer Team has been hard at work for three weeks, putting together the content of their presentation. The officer team consists of Nick Holzwart, Andrea Schuette, Nick Verhaar, Sam Engelhardt, Bret Foltz, Taryn Wessels, Carmen Zwemmer, Kaite Smith and Tiffany Kreh. The team agreed that potatoes are a very relatable food for all young children. Nick Holzwart says, "Potatoes come in kids' favorite forms: French fries and chips. We hope that by choosing something that is very common, they will be very attentive and be interested." Their presentation mainly consists of a short skit telling the history of where the potato came from and then how it quickly moved all throughout the world. They will also be showing how to plant a potato and the different stages of the potato growing, and then how they are harvested. Then they will have a "farmer" sell his potatoes to a local diner, "Potato Palace," to use to make their best seller, French fries. Within the diner another demonstration takes place and shows how the fries are cut and the different ways it can be prepared. Following that they have a short game and trivia planned to test the knowledge that they have learned. For the kids participation every student will be receiving a coupon for a small fry at Wendy's. This year over six hundred and fifty coupons will be given out.

The Laker FFA takes pride over their demonstration at Project RED and for the past nine years has received very positive feedback from parents, advisors, the newspaper, and of course the elementary students. The officers would like to thank Huron County Farm Bureau for allowing them to be apart of Project RED and hopes that they will continue to sponsor Project RED, for they feel it is very beneficial for everyone.



Doing to Learn

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

As a child growing up in Ravenna, Michigan, Jasper Cunningham shared the dreams of many other children, envisioning a day when he would influence the lives of civilians as a doctor, lawyer or policeman. Now, the high school senior plans on saving the world in a different manner, thanks to involvement in a very unique Supervised Agricultural Experience.



Jasper started his project.

The first to admit that he didn't want just an "average" SAE, Jasper was determined to launch a truly extraordinary project. As a freshman, he approached his advisor, Mrs. Melanie Block, and asked, "What makes an SAE not just good, but great?" Her response was "A great SAE is made by someone who will put time and effort towards a goal they set about their SAE. Also, a unique plan can make a great SAE, especially if the plan has a certain sense of rarity to it." Still searching for ideas, Jasper turned to his community, noting a need for a local seed supplier. With the push for reducing carbon footprints and buying locally, Jasper's idea hit at just the right time and was turned into action as Seed Boy Seed Company.

"Seed Boy is a one-hundred percent sole proprietorship that strives to deliver a high-quality product, while maintaining a service standard of excellence and creating a quality guaranteed product at a reasonable price," Jasper says. His business offers garden seeds, food plot seed, pasture mixes, flower seeds and field seeds. He also recently expanded by renting space in Ravenna School's greenhouse where he grows numerous types of flowers, peppers, and tomatoes, which he sells as retail flats.

Since starting Seed Boy, Jasper has also expanded into growing and selling local produce at roadside stands and farmers markets.

Jasper's goal of an extraordinary SAE has certainly paid off. In addition to winning Proficiency and Star Awards at the Chapter and Regional levels, Jasper was the 2009 State Winner for the Agricultural Sales Entrepreneurship Proficiency and the State Winner of the Agri-Entrepreneurship award, placing Gold and Silver respectively at the National Level. The best part? He was still only a Junior in high school. He was also chosen as a National FFA Career Pathways Grant winner for Seed Boy. Although Jasper is proud of his accomplishments, he says no plaque or trophy is worth the lessons and skills he has learned through owning his own business.

Jasper currently plans on attending Michigan State University following high school to major in Food Sciences. After graduating college with a Doctoral in Food Sciences, he hopes to work for the FDA to change public policy of agricultural commodities and to promote safe and clean food production laws benefiting the American public.

As for his future in the FFA, Jasper plans to make the most of his remaining year in Ravenna's chapter. In addition to running for state office in the spring and his involvement in other FFA activities, Jasper intends to keep Seed Boy Seed Company running, eventually passing his Entrepreneurship project down to younger family members to ensure that his "unique" enterprise continues on. Jasper says that he sees FFA in his future at the collegiate level and throughout his life, as he can't turn away from something that has impacted his life so greatly.

Jasper shares the credit for the success of his SAE with the people that have inspired and assisted in its development. "My parents, Jack and Marie, have been helpful beyond words. They have been there through the troubles I have run into and helped me to continue on the road to success. My advisor, Mrs. Block has also been there every step of the way monitoring my progress and making sure that



I prosper. Mrs. Block has been my professional consultant in a sense making sure that Seed Boy continues to grow and develop to new heights. Some of the most important people who have made Seed Boy what it is today are my customers. Without your support I would not be where I am today! Finally, I would not have the support I do without my FFA friends!"

Earning to Live

By: Amanda Sumerix
MSU ANR Communications Major

Earning to live means more than just providing for yourself. It means that you can make a difference in others' lives as well as in your own. Recently, I talked to a respectable woman who knows what it takes to give unselfishly.

Carolyn Bloodworth is originally from Jonesville and is one of five children. She grew up in "town" and had many



friends who were members of the Jonesville FFA chapter, but really didn't know or understand the organization until she started working with the Michigan FFA Association back in 1994 through her job at Consumers Energy. She attended Western Michigan University right out of high school, studying business. While she was in

Kalamazoo, she got a part-time job working with Consumers Energy. Money was tough, so she opted to take a full-time position with the company and ended up finishing her education a few years later through Spring Arbor University (while still working for the company). She received a Bachelor's Degree in Management of Human Resources.

After working at Consumers for 28 years Carolyn has held many positions, all with increasing level of responsibility. "I honestly didn't have any thoughts or aspirations about doing the job that I do now. I always knew that I would want to work in some way with the public, but I was never completely clear on what I wanted to do!" Carolyn commented. She also said, "Working for a large company like Consumers Energy, there were always many

opportunities to test and grow my skills. I have been very fortunate to have landed in a position within the company that is a great fit for me, my interests, background and experience."

Mrs. Bloodworth is currently the Director of Corporate Giving and Secretary/Treasurer of the Consumers Energy Foundation, which she has held since 1993. This position consists of charitable giving and volunteerism for the company. Bloodworth said, "This is something that I was exposed to often while I grew up in a small community. It was simply a part of our lives - and the right thing to do. Today, that's what I promote within our company and that's what I do in my spare time!" Carolyn is one of several employees who have been actively involved with a host of FFA programs. The list includes judging leadership contests, proficiency awards, working with state officers on annual themes and programming, helping members prepare for National Office and serving on the Nominating Committee for state officer interviews several times.

"We are strong supporters of the FFA's leadership programs and believe that FFA members are among the best and brightest of our state's young people."

"I have gained a great deal from my involvement with the FFA. Over the past several years I have had the good fortune to meet some very dedicated and wonderful educators who really have gone out of their way to make an impact on their students. I have seen the results of that commitment and that has made a real difference for me professionally as I work with schools and educational programs every day. I see what the FFA can do and has done and that is often a measuring stick for other educational and youth leadership programs."

She also commented, "FFA has also made a difference for me as a parent, as I have seen first-hand the power and impact of the FFA's programs on its members. The growth, development, experience and education provided to FFA members and its leaders is among the best available. I wish that my own children could have benefited from this experience and have found that the FFA members are some of the best young people I have had the pleasure of meeting. Meeting so many of these members, watching them grow, develop and succeed is tremendously rewarding."

Over the years, Mrs. Carolyn Bloodworth has been extremely generous to the Michigan FFA, with a selfless attitude. We cannot thank her enough for her continuous support!

Living to Serve

By: Kelli Fulkerson
MSU Animal Science Pre-Veterinary Major
&
Jonathon Brewer
St. Clair Community College Computer Science Major

Ubley High School senior, Jordan Heiber certainly knows how to keep active! Currently a member of the cheerleading squad, the band, and National Honor Society, in which she serves as Historian, it's hard to believe that she finds time to be active in her FFA chapter.

Having been a member of the Ubley FFA Chapter since seventh grade; serving as Vice President this year comes naturally. What is shocking however, is that Heiber is able to manage her extra-curricular activities, personal life and active membership in her chapter while maintaining six different Supervised Agricultural Experiences, or SAE's. She says, "of everything that I am involved with, I certainly enjoy my SAE's the most."

While she does have six different project areas, her largest project would most definitely be sheep production. Having started with a few Montadale lambs, over time she has successfully increased the size of her flock, which is currently the largest in the state. Heiber, like her fellow producers, quickly learned that in order to have a successful program you must not only increase in numbers but in quality as well. For her, this was accomplished through selective breeding and flock management.

As with any livestock producer, Jordan hopes to improve her flock each year. To do this, she is extremely selective when choosing which ewes from her lamb crop she will retain and introduce to the flock. She also increases the quality of her animals by purchasing rams that are of superior genetic quality. Those lambs that aren't up to par are typically sold to finance the project. Over the years, she has racked up several outstanding achievements, including numerous championships at the Huron County Fair. She has also exhibited her animals at the state fair for many years and has experienced similar successes. At the national level she has managed to be quite competitive as well, having raised two national champion rams. Last year she

was fortunate enough to be named the 2008-2009 National Montadale Queen saying, "it has been an amazing experience. I didn't think I would have ever been competing at the national level, but I did, and my lambs were competitive."

By utilizing the profits received from her flock, Jordan has enabled herself to become the diversified producer she is today. Each year she purchases beef cattle and swine to raise and exhibit at a variety of shows. The hard work that she has put into her project has clearly been paying off, as portrayed by her show ring success and her success in the FFA. Last year, Heiber was named the 2009 State Proficiency winner in sheep production and will be competing in the national contest for this project area this fall. She has also received silver awards for her beef production, swine production and diversified livestock production SAE's.

In addition to these projects, she also shows horses and exhibits small animals. When asked what sparked her animal interests, she replied, "I have always been around livestock, my grandfather raised a variety of animals and I have always enjoyed spending time with him doing chores. So, I guess it just came naturally when I joined the FFA." She also credits her advisor and her family saying, "I have learned so many applicable things from Ms. Cantrell, and my mom pushes me everyday helping me to succeed!"

After graduation, Jordan plans on attending North Dakota State University to major in either Animal Science or Meat Science. After completing her studies, she intends to expand her Beef project in hopes of producing club calves for future FFA and 4-H members to exhibit at the county, state and national levels.



MICHIGAN FARMERS ADVOCATE FOR ANIMAL AGRICULTURE

By: Andrew Walker
MSU Political Science Major

Imagine a world where the only meals available on the menu at your favorite steakhouse or restaurant include fruits, vegetables, grains and tofu. Imagine a place where Sunday afternoon cookouts didn't consist of hotdogs and hamburgers but simply carrots and squash. Imagine a life where meat is not an option and individuals are forced to maintain a vegan lifestyle. This scenario is not just a far-fetched tale for one group, but a lifestyle that PETA members would like to make a norm for all people.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, better known as PETA, is the largest animal rights group in the world. PETA focuses on ensuring that animals are treated humanely. However, in many of its campaigns it partakes in activities that are either violent or obnoxious to others. It is through these tactics that this organization tries to promote its extreme agenda. Nothing short of protests,



Dan Matthews of PETA explains how he got involved with PETA and what his organization advocates and why they do so

indecent exposure and targeting children will stop the many activists that make up the membership of PETA.

Recently, Michigan found itself as the target of a PETA visit. It was the launch of a new campaign that brought both PETA and debate to Michigan State University in mid-September. Senior Vice President of PETA, Dan Matthews, arrived on the campus of MSU on September 10th to help re-launch PETA's Liberation campaign, and to have a question and answer session with local individuals. The new campaign, launched by peta2, which is a division of PETA for the younger generation, focuses on a long term goal of freeing all animals that are held in captivity. This includes animals on farms, in zoos and in any other form of captivity, excluding some pets. The exhibit compares animal cruelty to that of human torture in cases like the civil rights movement and to concentration camps in Europe during World War II.

Matthews talked to a group mainly consisting of MSU students. Though a few PETA enthusiasts showed up for the lecture to show their support, the hall consisted of a much larger group of members from the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. It was made clear what PETA's message was when Matthews declared, "Of course we would love to see a vegan world." It was messages like this that prompted agricultural supporters to exemplify the role that agriculture plays in the state of Michigan and in the whole nation.

Animal agriculture in Michigan and in the United States is concerned greatly about the welfare of all animals on farms. Because of this, the United States has the safest food supply in the world. In addition, agriculture and food processing help to employ over one million residents, right here in Michigan. As the second most agriculturally diverse state in the nation, Michigan produces more than 200 commodities ranging from milk and meat to apples and

cherries and everything in-between. This helps to ensure that quality meat and produce are being grown close to home, in clean and safe environments. Of the 53,315 farms in Michigan over ninety percent are family owned. In addition, Michigan agriculturalists are using the newest technologies to help improve every aspect of their farms. This allows farmers to stay competitive in a globalized economic system, while allowing them to bring farm fresh products to Americans.

Farmers truly care about the animals that help them



MSU students inform students about Animal Agriculture and ask questions about PETA beliefs

make their living. It is important to each farmer that the livestock are being cared for to the best of their ability, because without quality care, livestock will not produce enough to keep Michigan farmers in business. Therefore, it is to the farmer's advantage to give quality care to their flock of

sheep, herd of cattle or any other group of animals. Agriculturalists throughout the state and nation have recognized this for many years now.

To deal with the rising pressure surrounding the animal welfare industry, the Michigan legislature has found itself looking to add its input. Legislators are dealing with two separate ideas on how to establish animal welfare regulation in the state. Michigan farmers primarily support legislation that would establish an advisory council to the Michigan Department of Agriculture. This council would consist of veterinarians, farmers, an MSU animal science researcher, and a number of other individuals with the responsibility of reporting recommendations to the Department of Agriculture on how animal humaneness should be handled in the state. This board would be appointed by the governor.

On the other end of the spectrum, some animal rights activists are pushing for more controversial legislation that would prevent Michigan farmers from tying or

confining veal calves and making sure that pregnant sows and egg laying hens would be in an area that would be large enough for them to move freely.

These differing animal welfare ideas in the state simply show the difference in how individuals perceive the future of agriculture. However, if groups such as PETA are able to accomplish their ultimate goal, Michigan agriculture would be changed considerably, cutting out all forms of livestock production.

The only way Michigan's animal agriculture industry is to stay healthy is by pushing consumers to realize that Michigan farmers care! By informing consumers of the measures agriculturalists in the state are taking in order to ensure safety, humanity and quality products, the world will come to find that farmers are not the enemy, but the local hometown heroes that devote their lives to feeding the nation.

Imagine a world where, every day, individuals have to fight to keep an occupation alive that has been around since the dawn of mankind. Imagine a nation whose farmers may have to one day turn all of their livestock out into the forests, fields and highways, where game animals roam. This day is here. Without the help of producers and consumers alike, all people are at risk of having to change their lives dramatically. Farmers need to continue to spread the word of their humane practices they use in livestock production and the next time you eat your favorite burger, remember who is fighting to keep that on your plate.



MSU College of Agriculture Student stay after the meeting and ask questions and discuss more about animal agriculture

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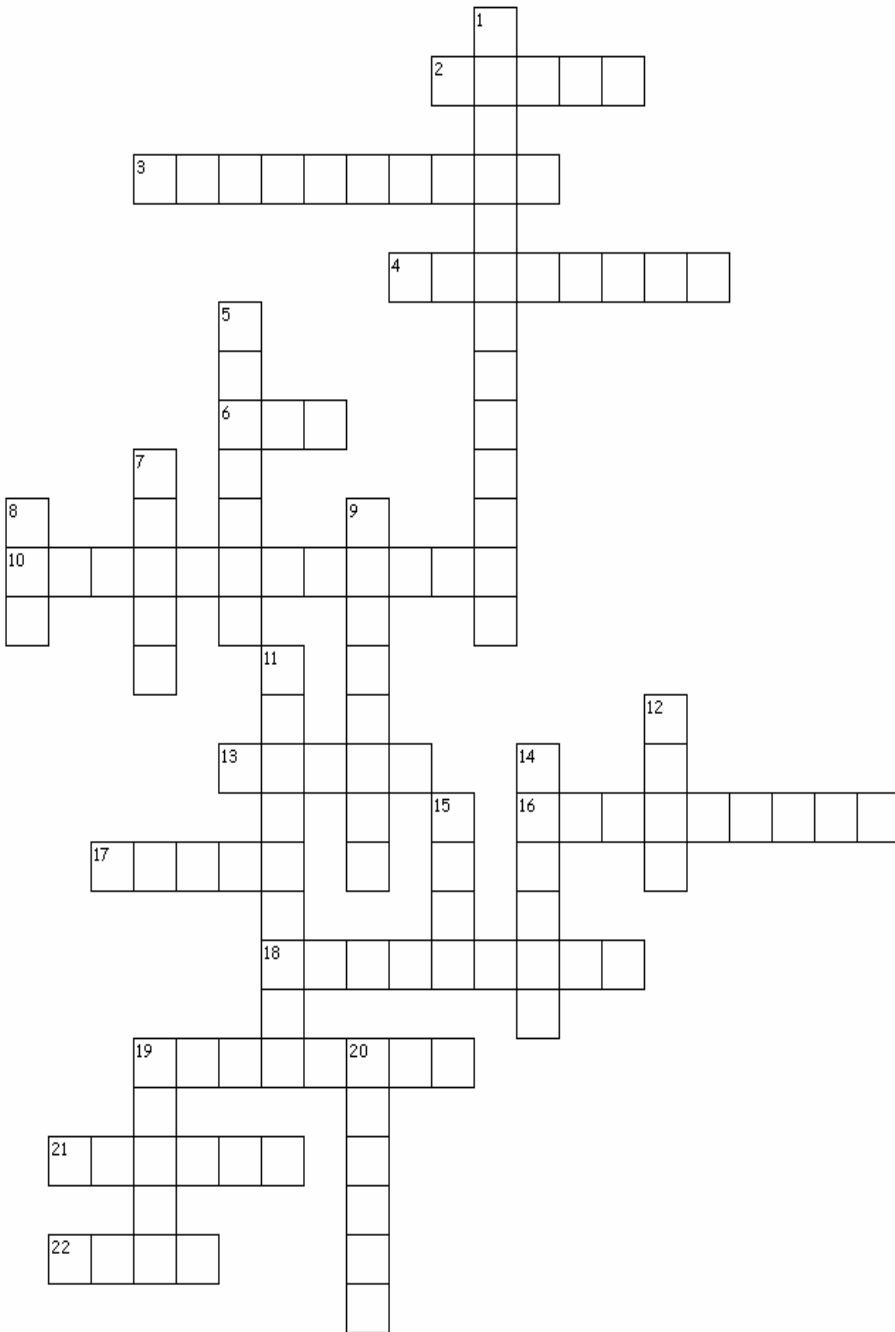
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What's the word?

By: Meghan Bonthuis
MSU Agriscience Education Sophomore



Across

2. The state Treasurer for this year
3. Who designed the FFA jacket?
4. FFA colors are national blue and ____
6. The 3 components of an Ag. Instruction Program are SAE, classroom and ____.
10. Where is National Convention?
13. Region V V.P.
16. What is the Secretary stationed by?
17. The Region I V.P.
18. This person wrote the Creed?
19. Who is the state Secretary
21. How many State Officers are there?
22. This person represents Region IV.

Down

1. FFA focuses on premier leadership, personal growth and ____.
5. State President
7. State Vice President
8. How many regions are in Michigan?
9. Who is the Region III V.P.?
11. Who calls meetings to order?
12. The Vice President is stationed by?
14. What is the name of the State Officer who is stationed by the flag?
15. Who represents Region II?
19. Who is the 2009-2010 Sentinel?
20. The Region VI V.P.

The Rest of the Story...



MEGHAN BONTUIS
STATE REPORTER

Chapter: Ravenna

SAE: Agricultural Drainage

College: Michigan State University Sophomore

Major: Agriscience Education with specialization in Crop and Soil Science

Person you look to for strength & guidance: Melanie Block, Advisor

Word that describes yourself: Determined

FFA Member that has inspired you: Andrea Kerbuski

Favorite Quote: "The only way of finding the limits of possible is by going beyond them into the impossible."-Arthur C. Clark



Chapter: Ionia

SAE: Beef and Swine Production and Horticulture Placement

College: Michigan State University Freshman

Major: Engineering

Career Goals: Obtain a position working with alternative energy sources, specifically ethanol

High School Activities: Softball, Volleyball, Bowling, NHS, French Club



ELIZABETH HAGER
REGION V STATE VP



Favorite thing to do with friends: Make taxidermy squirrels

Favorite FFA Activity: Bus rides to FFA events, especially the rides to National Convention

Theme song that describes my life: Don't Stop Believing-Journey

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A young man with short brown hair, wearing a pink button-down shirt and blue jeans, is sitting on a large, rectangular hay bale. He is looking down at a laptop computer on his lap, with his hands on the keyboard. The background shows a green field of crops under a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds.

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